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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Discredited Govt

BOTH the White Paper and Mr Oliver Lyttelton's speech in the House of Commons debate are severe indictments of the late British Guiana Government and vindication of the Imperial Government's decision to suspend the constitution. If there existed any doubts about the wisdom of the British action they have been removed by the revelations made in Westminster this week. The People's Progressive Party have failed in their responsibility to British Guiana; they proved themselves incompetent to govern, and by their actions and machinations they have deprived the Guianese of their claims to self-government. Self-government for British Guiana was intended to be a splendid experiment; Dr Cheddi Jagan and his political followers have made it a dismal failure. Even Mr Griffiths, a former Colonial Secretary and one of the principal Opposition speakers in the House of Commons debate could not avoid reaching this conclusion. "The People's Progressive Party," he said, "has not only missed a great opportunity, but it has missed a great opportunity."

So far as British Guiana is concerned, the Government's administrative incompetence was just as serious as its plans to form a Communist State. The PPP were put into power by a popular vote because the people believed that they would set about the task of improving working and social conditions. But the Government made an attempt to fulfil its election programme, and, as one observer has noted, whether the constitution had or had not been revoked, the people of British Guiana were already thoroughly disillusioned about its Government, and in the space of a few months had realised that it existed not to serve the country's interests, but to enrich itself with political power. Revocation of the constitution does not, of course, solve the problems which beset British Guiana. The action has prevented dangerous developments in other directions, but the Colony's economic ills still require skilled treatment. This is a responsibility which Whitehall, the Governor and his advisers must now assume with vigour and imagination.

COMMONS BACKS GOVT'S POLICY IN BR. GUIANA

Opposition Motion Defeated 294 To 256 SOCIALISTS CRITICAL

London, Oct. 23.

The Government last night won the backing of the House of Commons for its policy in suspending the constitution of British Guiana because it suspected a Communist coup.

By 294 votes to 256, the House of Commons rejected a Labour Opposition motion seeking to criticise the Government on the ground that the situation in the Colony did not justify such an extreme step.

The Labour motion took the form of an amendment to a Government motion asking for approval of its action.

The Government motion was approved without a second vote because the feeling of the House had already been shown on the amendment.

Mr Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, accused the Government of mishandling the situation. He said he understood there was a growing lack of support in British Guiana for the People's Progressive Party, which was showing "complete ineptitude" in government.

They were on the downgrade, and it was important not to give them a rallying cry.

But the Government had given the Communist element the opportunity they wanted.

Other methods—such as a dissolution—should have been tried before the "extreme step" of suspending the constitution.

Mr Attlee said he had seen the leaders of the PPP in London. There was nothing to disabuse him of the idea that they had behaved "extremely unwisely and were either Communists or Communist dupes."

He was not sure whether the Colonial Secretary's action had not made it more difficult for other elements in British Guiana to rally to the democratic cause.

There was a difference between the PPP going to a general election "with all their sins upon them" and with their being able to say they had had their constitutional rights taken away.

READY TO RESIGN
Mr Harold Macmillan, Minister for Housing, who replied to the debate for the Government, said the Government would have been ready to resign on the issue.

Mr Macmillan thought Mr Attlee's idea of a dissolution of the legislature by the Governor impracticable.

The Governor would have had to announce in advance that he was unable and unwilling to co-operate with the leaders of the larger party.

"That would be a complete interference with the whole spirit of Democracy—suspending the constitution by devious, dangerous and not straightforward methods," he said.

Earlier, Mr Griffiths, former Labour Colonial Secretary, said the charge of conspiracy to set fire to business property and residences of prominent Europeans was "the most serious charge of all."

"I do not know whether these charges are true or not," he said. "I urge the Government in fairness to the men—hostile as I am to their views and the things they did—to bring them to trial and give them an opportunity to deny the charges," he said.

In Colonial territories there was "an upsurge of human feeling." The PPP was a nationalist movement, and not all the leaders were Communists. The Government could seek to guide or harness it and give it democratic expression.

He asked why the Colonial Secretary had not invited the leaders to Britain for talks. That might have eased the tension. It might have failed, but it would have been worth trying before taking the step of suspending the constitution.

Mr Griffiths urged Mr Lyttelton to resign.

Mr John Hynd, Labour, said the Government had acted in "a panic way."

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Labour, suggested that two persons from the Gold Coast and India should be appointed to the commission to inquire into the British Guiana situation.

He said Dr Nkrumah, the Gold Coast Premier, had said he would be prepared to nominate a suitable African member. Opposition members cheered.—Reuter.

Concentration Of Troops Protest

Tel-Aviv, Oct. 22.

Israel today protested to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation against reported concentrations of Jordan troops in the Jerusalem area.

An Israel Army spokesman announced that Israel had requested the United Nations observers corps in Jerusalem to "convene urgently an emergency meeting of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission."

The spokesman said the request was based on facts brought to the knowledge of the Israeli Army. "Considerable concentrations of Arab Legion forces are inside the defence zone, especially in the Old City of Jerusalem," he said.

The Israeli delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission had requested United Nations observers to conduct an investigation and asked that the forces be withdrawn from the zone, the spokesman said.—Reuter.

Russia's Most Important Lady



The first picture to be published outside of Russia of Mrs Elena Malenkov, wife of the Russian leader. She was once a singer in Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre, and is believed to be the influence behind Mr Malenkov's recent edicts on the aesthetics of make-up. She has a son aged 8 and a daughter aged 6. She is a member of the Supreme Soviet, and the model of the new Soviet woman.—London Express.

Paralysis Of London Transport Threatened

London, Oct. 22.

More than 6,000 strikers ignored Government and Union appeals to return to work today and decided to continue their petrol stoppage which threatens to paralyse London's transport.

Every hour the situation grows more desperate. Half of the city's 5,000 taxis came off the roads tonight. Hardly a garage remained open. Transport services and the distribution of mail and food were menaced.

London Transport, the gigantic organisation controlling 8,000 buses and coaches, tonight cut its services by 25 percent to conserve dwindling fuel supplies.

"If the strike continues, troops may be called to ferry petrol and oil from the silent fuel storage depots to the city's essential services."

The Cabinet discussed the position this morning. Then Sir Walter Monckton, Britain's Labour Minister, told the House of Commons: "If the strike continues, it is bound to have a serious effect on industry and cause widespread unemployment."

He urged strikers to "reflect on the serious injury" they were inflicting on the public and return to work so that their complaint could be dealt with by Union and Government departments.

3-HOUR WRANGLE

Mr Arthur Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, made a similar appeal. He said the Union would not discuss the dispute until work was resumed.

But after wrangling for three hours at a mass meeting, the strikers agreed to stay out. They are demanding a ten shillings sterling a week pay rise, dated back to August 1; dismissal of all non-union workers in the petrol distribution trade; and full union recognition.

Another meeting is arranged for tomorrow when Union officials will again plead with the men to call off the shutdown.

A British Railways spokesman said tonight that goods and parcels deliveries in London were expected to cease on Friday. Some deliveries had already been curtailed in outlying areas.—Reuter.

Japanese Firm Loses Privileges

Washington, Oct. 22.

The Bureau of Foreign Commerce of the Commerce Department reported today that the First Trading Company, Ltd., a Japanese importing firm with offices in Kobe and Tokyo, and the Directors of the firm have been denied all export privileges for three months because of alleged export control violations.

The Bureau said that a denial order, effective on October 19, was issued after the firm's Directors admitted that in September, 1952, they misrepresented the identity of the Japanese end user when they placed an order with their United States representative for 48,300 pounds of polyethylene and instructed him to apply to the Office of International Trade (now the Bureau of Foreign Commerce) for an export licence.

The application was rejected when investigation disclosed the misrepresentations. The company claimed that it anticipated a large market for polyethylene in Japan and hoped to set up a stockpile to supply the expected orders.

The Bureau's order pointed out that this was the first such case involving a Japanese importing firm, and there was evidence that the actual intended disposition of the goods would not have been contrary to current United States export policies. The order emphasised that the Bureau would nevertheless treat future cases much more severely.—Reuter.

Cherwell Decides To Resign

London, Oct. 22.

Lord Cherwell, a member of the Cabinet and Sir Winston Churchill's adviser on atomic affairs, has decided to resign from the Government, it was learned authoritatively tonight.—Reuter.

13 Kikuyus Hanged

Nairobi, Oct. 22.

Thirteen Kikuyu tribesmen, condemned to death for their part in the last massacre in March last, were hanged this morning at Gituonouri.

An additional 68 tribesmen are awaiting trial following the last massacre.

It was reported here today that a total of 20 terrorists were killed and four suspects arrested during the large-scale, combined sweep which lasted three days in the Fort Hall area.

Among the seven firearms seized was one .303 rifle and six home-made rifles.—France-Press.

LEFT-WING PARTIES OUTLAWED

Rangoon, Oct. 22.

The Burmese Government today outlawed all the extreme leftist parties, including the Communist party of Burma, as well as the organisations of the racial minorities which have been in open revolt against the Government since 1948.

In addition to the Communist Party proper and the other parties considered associated, affiliated with, or subordinated to it, the ban includes the Karen national defence organisation fighting the Government forces for a larger autonomous territory within the Union of Burma.

It was alleged that this movement had close connections with the Burmese Communist Party. Other parties or groups banned under today's order include the Red Flag Cultivators' Union, the People's Comrades Party, formerly known as the People's Volunteer Organisation, which is composed mainly of former resistance fighters during the war, and the Burmese army mutineers who rebelled against the central government in 1947, and the Mon National Defence Organisation, representing the Mon minority at present allied to the Karen against the government.

It was understood that the ban was decided following the discovery of underground Communist documents in the compound of Rangoon University, the scene of the recent student agitation.—France-Press.

Pre-Divorce Hearing Drama

Paris, Oct. 22.

A few hours before she was to appear in a Paris court to oppose her husband's divorce petition, 32-year-old ex-Queen Alexandra of Yugoslavia was found with injuries to her left wrist.

A doctor, called to her, bandaged the injury and the tall, brunette ex-Queen, formerly Princess Alexandra of Greece, was able to attend the civil court hearing today of the petition by her husband, ex-King Peter of Yugoslavia.

Mr J. De Chasseval, the lawyer for ex-Queen Alexandra, told Reuter tonight: "Her Majesty was shaken by the news that her husband's decision to divorce her was irrevocable."

The injury was only slight, he said, but Dr Lucien De Genettes was called in to bandage the wound.

"We feared at one point that Her Majesty would not be able to attend today's meeting, but she finally made it," said Mr Chasseval.

Ex-King Peter and his wife met this afternoon with their lawyers in the chambers of Jean Russot, senior judge at the civil court here, for a final reconciliation attempt, required under French law.

The judge is expected to give his ruling early next week. The meeting in the judge's chambers lasted an hour, but all the participants refused to disclose the result of the reconciliation attempt.

Jean Louis Aujol, the King's lawyer, said: "Our lips are sealed—we have all sworn not to reveal a word of what happened."—Reuter.

Franco-Laotian Treaty Signed In Paris

Paris, Oct. 22.

The President of the French Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, and King Sisavong Vong of Laos, tonight signed a treaty of friendship and association declaring the state of Laos "a fully independent and sovereign state."

According to the terms of the treaty, Laos declared her willingness to remain within the French Union, "an association of independent and sovereign peoples, free and equal in rights and duties, and in which all members put their resources into a common pool to guarantee the defence of the whole Union."

Under the terms of the treaty, Laos will also be represented on the High Council under the chairmanship of the President of the French Union.

In addition to the signing of the treaty by President Auriol and King Sisavong Vong, the French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, and the Laotian Prime Minister, Prince Souvanna Phouma, today signed the annexes to the Franco-Laotian treaty.

The Laotian political leader, after the signing, declared that the treaty marked an important step in the history of Franco-Laotian relations. He added that they made concrete and solid the bonds of friendship, existing for more than half a century, between the two countries.

At the second ceremony, the Laotian Ambassador in Paris Prince Khanno, the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, the Vice-Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, and many other ministers were present.

The French Premier, after the signing, said that the treaty was the conclusion of negotiations which had been conducted on both sides in a spirit of confidence and friendship. The happy ending of these negotiations, he added, was in the spirit of the long tradition of collaboration and friendship which has characterised the relations between France and Laos.

FRIENDLY TIES
In his reply, Prince Souvanna Phouma said that the treaty was a concrete expression of the "friendly ties that have existed for over fifty years between France and Laos."

He thanked the French delegation for the "spirit of understanding which they showed throughout the negotiations."

He added that Laos would now be able to assert her own international personality, but that she would still need French help to develop her natural resources.

Laotian economy, which was weak in 1948, he said, had been further weakened by the war which crossed its territories.

The Premier said that Laos had already mobilised the maximum of its resources to fight side by

DISASTROUS FIRE IN MACAO

Macao, Oct. 23.

A blazing fire accompanied by two explosions occurred early this morning, which destroyed three houses and caused damages to properties worth millions of Hong Kong dollars.

The fire took place at Nos. 9, 11 and 13 Rua Praia Grande. No. 13 was the Agencia Geral to Comercio Ltda, which had at the back a godown that stored rubber tyres, rubber tubes and rubber fish valued at about HK\$2,000,000. The stock was completely destroyed.

The blaze started at 5.15 this morning and was not under control until 10 o'clock.

The watchman of the godown, Lau Bing-hong, is under arrest of setting fire to the property.

When the Macao police and the Fire Brigade arrived on the spot, this man attempted to escape by jumping into the sea which lies in front of the firm.

The godown had bought an insurance of HK\$2,000,000 from the China Insurance Company.

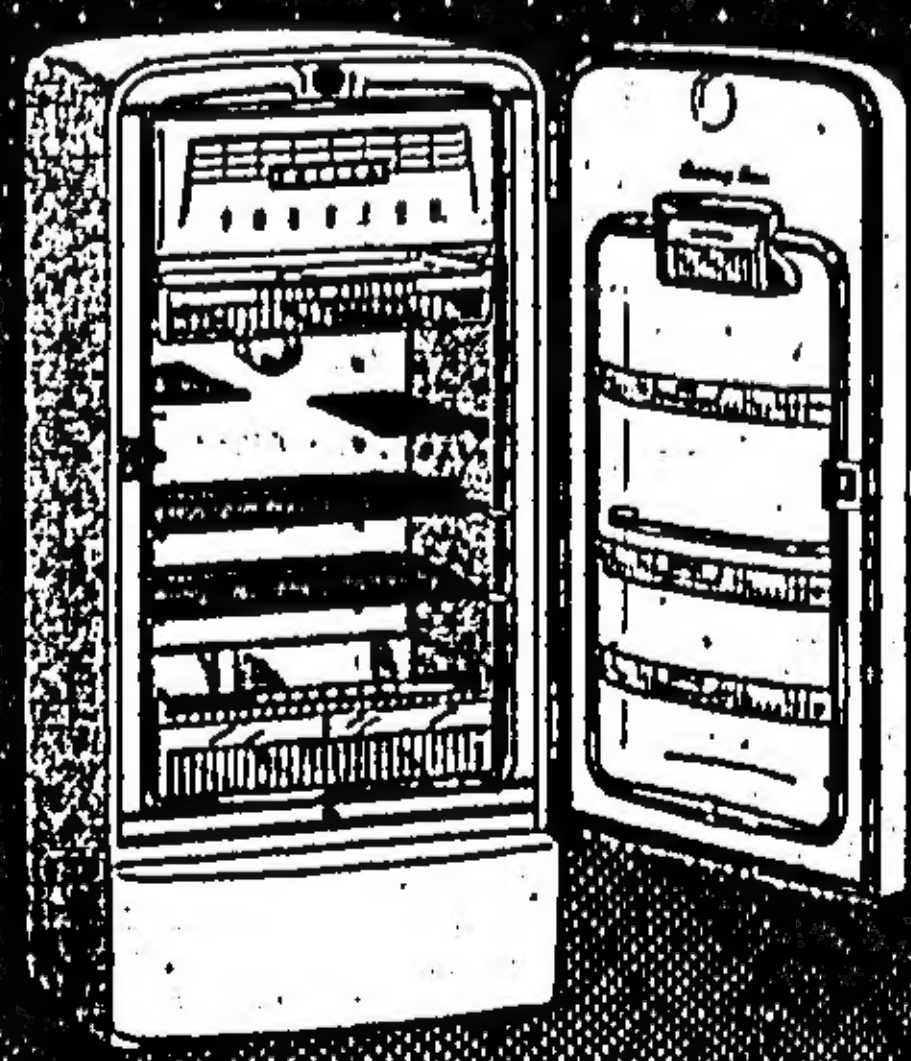
At No. 9, Dr Leung Shun-yu suffered the loss of 10,000 patacas which was kept in the house during the time of fire.

The name of the godown in Chinese was Hong Sang Hong—United Press.

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U.S. Publication Banned By Tito

Belgrade, Oct. 22. — Two issues of the American magazine "Time" have been banned in Yugoslavia because they contain "false reports" calculated to damage "State and national interests," the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, said today.

In its issues of October 5 and 14, the magazine published articles "insulting to the Yugoslav leaders and the Yugoslav Army," the agency said.

The Yugoslav Army was described in the October 5 issue as "a band of battered patriots" and the recent Yugoslav Army maneuvers were called "a farce," Tanjug said.—Reuter.

CONTROLS ON TRADE TO REMAIN

London, Oct. 21. — Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, today made a statement about East-West trade in reply to a question in the House of Commons asking what progress had been made in easing restrictions.

He said: "I welcome the opportunity to make a short statement on this subject."

"It is important to keep this problem in its right proportions. Even before the war our total trade with the Soviet bloc was only about six per cent of our total world trade. Since the war it has averaged only about two per cent."

"An expansion in East-West trade would undoubtedly be in our economic interest provided it was not made at the expense of the security of either of ourselves or of our friends."

"Though security controls are not inflexible, it would not be in our interest to vary them substantially until the circumstances which gave rise to them have changed."

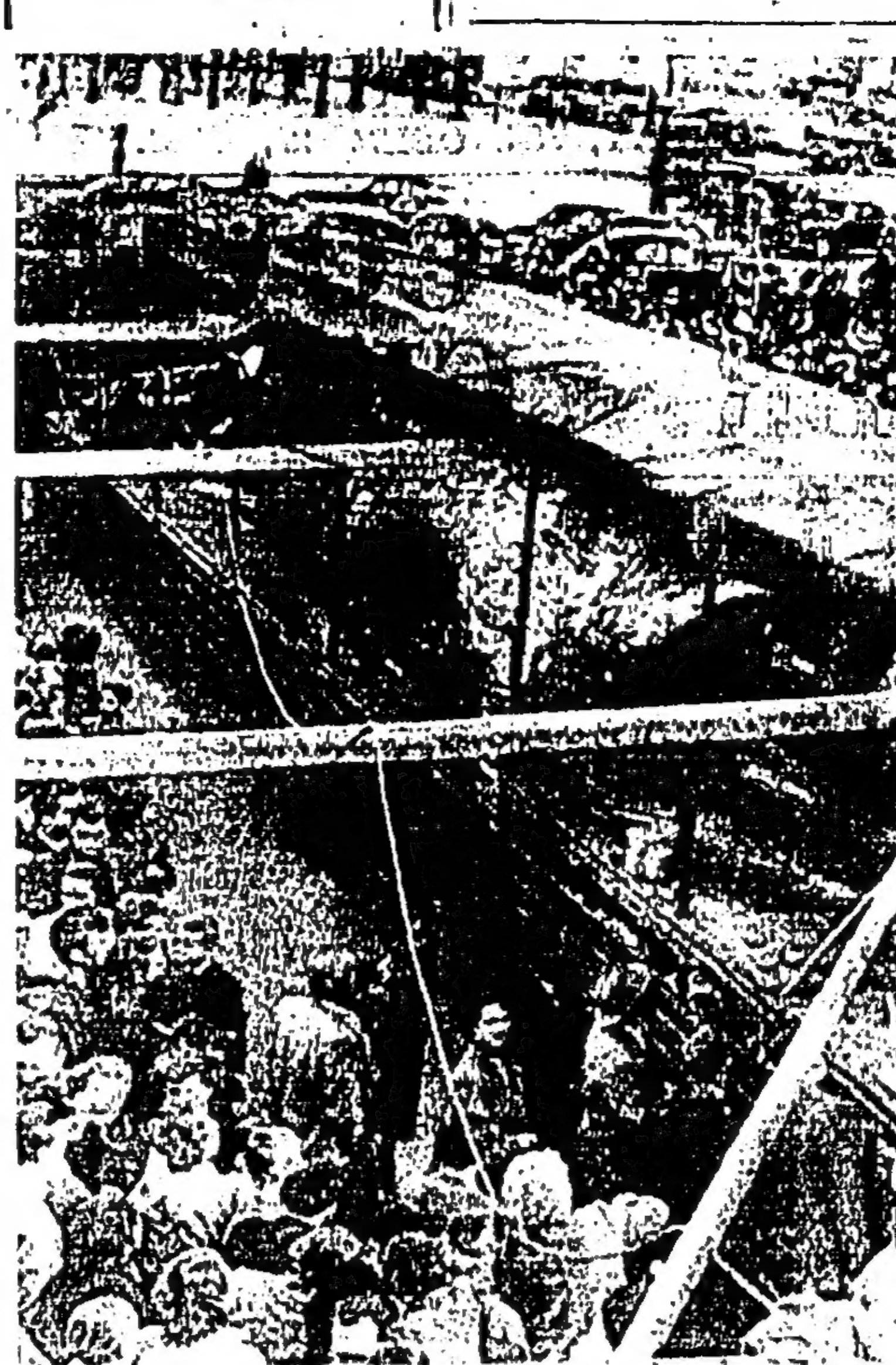
"We shall continue to review the controls and, in consultation and agreement with other countries associated with us in this matter, we shall introduce modifications as may be justified in changing circumstances."—Reuter.

Queensland's Gift To Flood Victims

London, Oct. 22. — Five hundred gallons of honey from the Country Women's Association of Queensland is expected in England late next month by freighter for victims of the East Anglian floods early this year.

The honey, in five-gallon drums, will be distributed through branches of the Women's Institutes in Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, — China Mail Special.

Whale Rage Of Paris



Crowds line up on the Esplanade des Invalides, in the centre of Paris to get a look at Jonas, a real whale. Jonas weighs 58 tons—flesh and bone. — He is on a trailer outside Les Invalides, where Napoleon is buried. Jonas was caught off Norway and preserved by a special process. In charge of him is Dr Rolf Hinrichs, of Hamburg, the man who preserved him, and every night he goes down inside Jonas's stomach to inspect the 20 ft. of refrigerating machinery inside him. The whale is in Paris on behalf of Norwegian industries.—Express Photo.

Marketing Dispute Holds Up End Of Meat Rationing

London, Oct. 22. — Derationing of meat in Britain is held up by a deadlock between farmers and meat traders on the best method of marketing of livestock when controls are taken off and the trade returned to private hands.

On the one hand, farmers are demanding a producers' marketing board which would protect their rights and stabilise prices, while the meat traders are demanding a system of free trading which also gives guarantees of prices and markets to farmers.

Yesterday a compromise plan was submitted to the Government by the three farmers' unions of Britain—the National Farmers' Union, the National

Farmers' Union of Scotland, and the Farmers' Union of Northern Ireland.

In an effort to reach an agreement with the butchers the farmers suggested three methods of marketing during an interim period.

Producers would be able to sell their cattle and sheep either through auctions "on the hoof," as the meat traders propose, or direct to slaughterhouses for deadweight grading and disposal by a producers' marketing board, as the National Farmers' Union wants.

All pigs, whether for bacon or pork, would be marketed through the producers' board. Payment would continue to be made on deadweight and quality. The board would sell pigs on a contract or "bid and buy" basis.

These three methods would operate alongside each other for a trial period of three years.

The unions in their proposal rejected the deficiency payments method which the butchers consider a most important part of their scheme.

The unions' plan provides for the payment to the producer for the individual animal, not carcass according to a schedule negotiated with the Government at the annual review of farm prices.—United Press.

Magazine Is Banned

Benghazi, Oct. 22. — The Libyan Federal Government decided today to refuse entry into Libya of the magazine "India and Israel," which is published in Bombay, for Zionist propaganda.

It also decided not to permit the proprietor of the magazine, Mr Friedman, to enter Libya.—Reuter.



France Asks Bao Dai To Clarify His Policy

Paris, Oct. 22. — The French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, tonight handed the Vietnam High Commissioner here, Prince Buu Loc, a note asking Emperor Bao Dai, head of the Vietnam State, to clarify whether his country would remain a member of the French Union.

The French Government yesterday decided at a Cabinet meeting to despatch such a note following the disquiet caused by the recent Vietnam National Congress which passed a resolution saying that the country could not continue to adhere to the French Union "in its present form."

Prince Buu Loc is expected to transmit the French note to Bao Dai, at present in Cannes, on the French Riviera, tomorrow.

The Emperor plans to return to Indo-China on Monday and a reply is not expected until he has full consultations with Premier Nguyen Van Tam and the Vietnam Government.

The full text of the French note was not issued tonight but usually well-informed quarters said it indicated that France was not prepared to change the statute of the French Union as embodied in the 1940 constitution.

The note also, it was believed, asked which of the special links Vietnam was contemplating maintaining with France once the Indo-China war had come to an end.

French anxiety about future relations with Vietnam were not allayed by a statement made by Bao Dai in which he said that French reaction was based on erroneous interpretation. Vietnam's attachment to France was not at stake and he could guarantee that Vietnam genuinely wanted friendship with France.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON FEAR

Washington, Oct. 22. — American officials today were openly dismayed over the French-Vietnam split in Indo-China, fearing that it would jeopardise the successful prosecution of the anti-Communist war which Washington has been led to believe was moving into a successful phase.

The decision of the Government of Vietnam, the largest of the three anti-Communist native States in Indo-China, to refuse participation in the French Union apparently caught American officials by surprise.

Key State Department officials met hurriedly this morning to study the suddenly changed situation. They had hoped that with the latest infusion of American aid plus the dynamic plans of General Henri E. Navarre to carry the fight to the Vietminh, organised Red resistance in Indo-China could be broken by the end of 1954.

That was the theory behind American thinking when the United States announced several weeks ago that it was making available to France and Vietnam up to \$385,000,000 in additional aid to train and equip more national troops.

This sum was to be added to \$400,000,000 which the Congress had already appropriated for the current fiscal year for the Indo-China war.

"DEEPLY CONCERNED"

The State Department today expressed concern over the situation.

The Department's spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, said at a Press conference that while the negotiations between the French and the Vietnamese on the independence issue are a matter between those two Governments, the Department is "obviously concerned in any development which disturbs Franco-Vietnamese relations or co-operation."

The spokesman made clear that such co-operation is regarded in Washington as vital to the success of French efforts to "protect Vietnam against Communist aggression."

"We are following these developments closely and hope that the differences will be resolved," Mr White declared.—United Press.

RED TACTICS

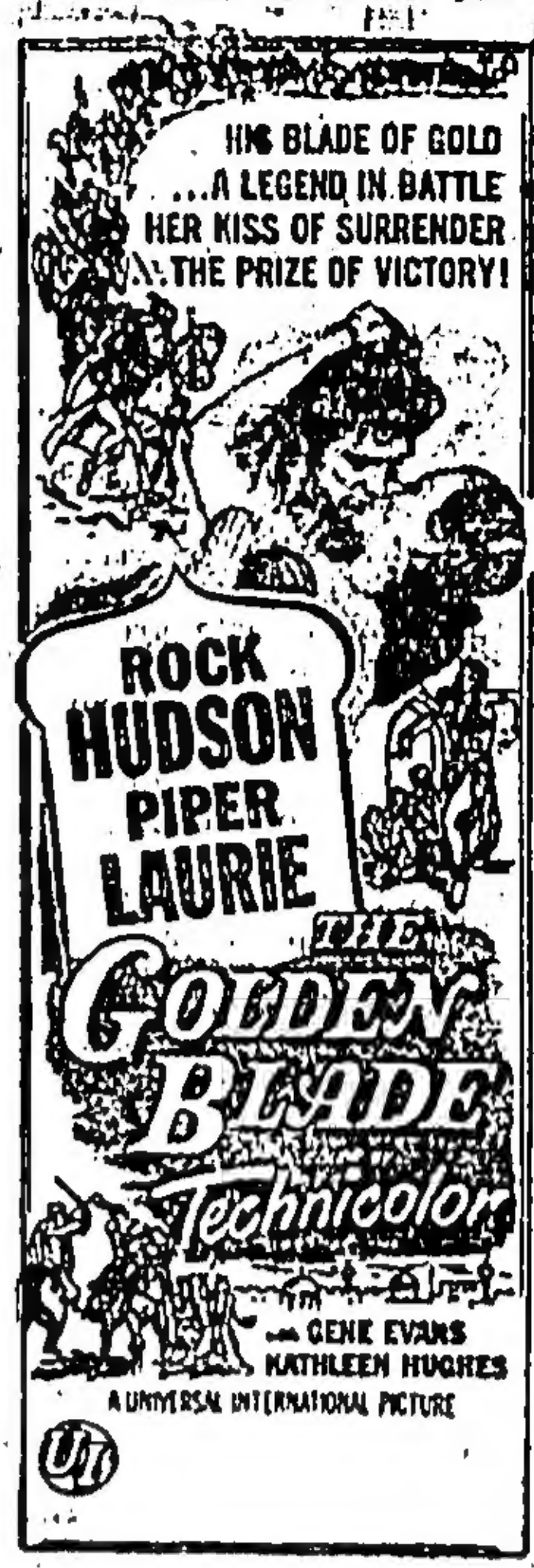
Paris, Oct. 22. — The powerful Communist Party bid strongly today to exploit public desire for Indo-Chinese peace by offering to vote a non-Communist in as next Premier of France in return for a promise to pull out of the eight-year war immediately.

Party leader Jacques Duclos, No. 2 French Communist, dangled the bait as Premier Joseph Laniel handed Vietnam a strong note asking a formal pledge of its intention to remain in the French Union.

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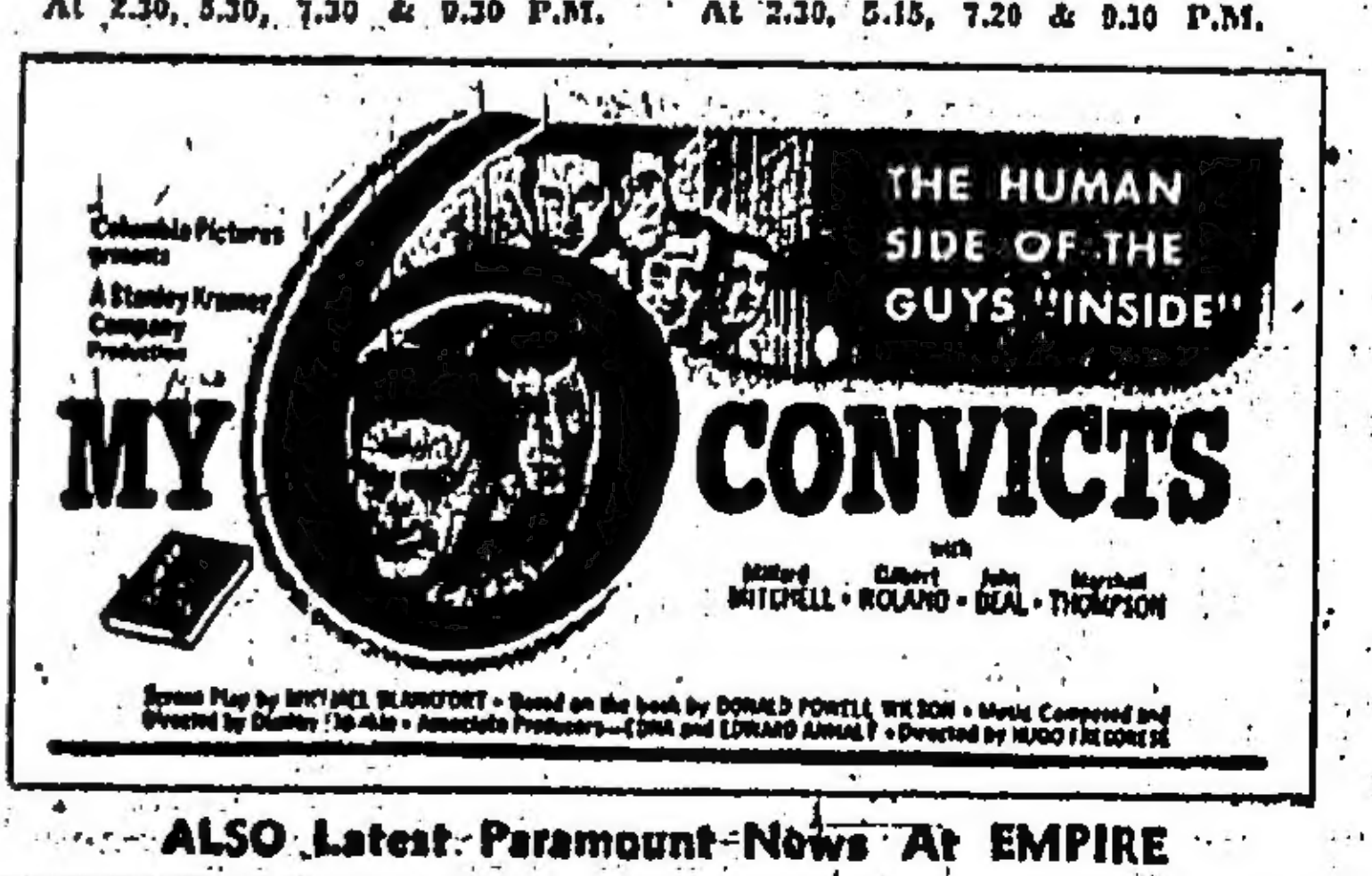
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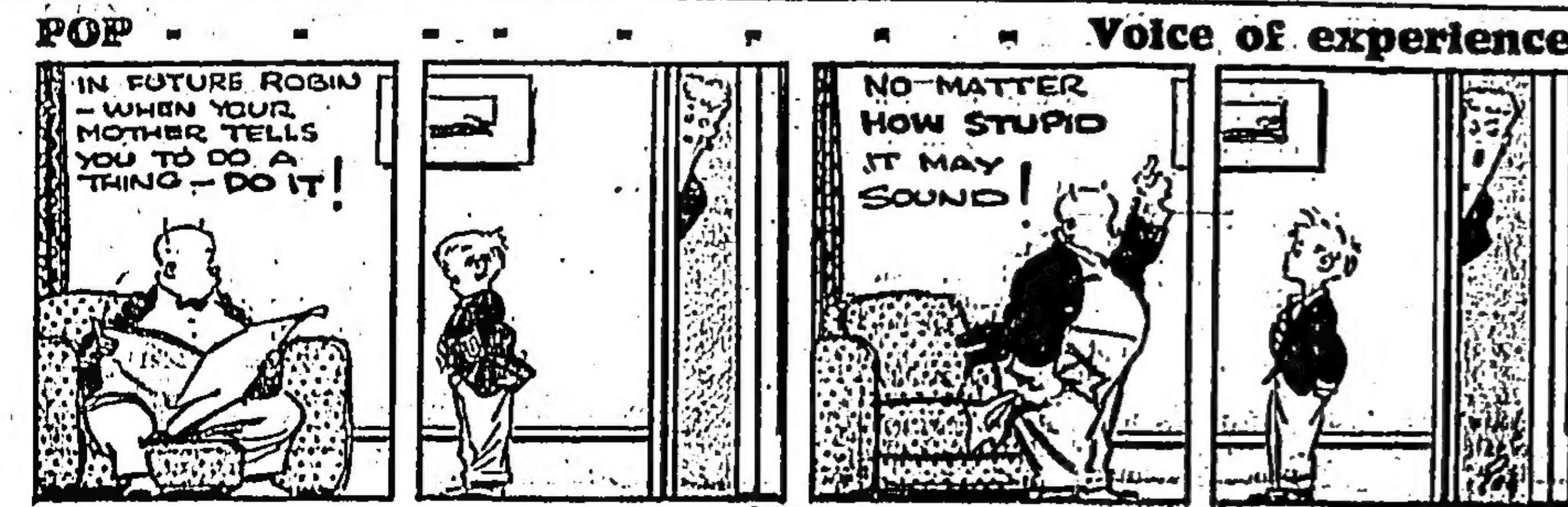
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Embassy Burglary Sequel

Bonn, Oct. 22. West German police said today they had rounded up a gang of alleged burglars some of whom were alleged to have been involved in the theft of about 200 pieces of precious silverware from the Japanese Embassy last July.

Police said the members of the ring, five Poles and a German girl, were arrested in Frankfurt recently and were now awaiting trial at Pforsheim, in southwest Germany.

Police said three of the men and the girl were alleged to have stolen the silverware from the Japanese Embassy in Oberwinter, near Bonn.

The silverware was to have been used at a reception for Crown Prince Akihito who was then touring Europe.

The four had admitted to having driven in a car to the Embassy, which is also the residence of Charge d'Affaires Kohel Terunuma.

One of the men admitted to having broken into the building through a ground floor window and having taken the silverware, police said.

The said about two-thirds of the loot had been recovered in a search of the Frankfurt hide-out of the gang.

Police said the members of the gang had admitted to "numerous" other burglaries, mainly in the areas of Karlsruhe, Pforsheim and Frankfurt.

The police did not identify the suspects apart from saying that the girl was unmarried and about 25 years old, and that the men were displaced persons.—Reuter.

Invitation By New Zealand

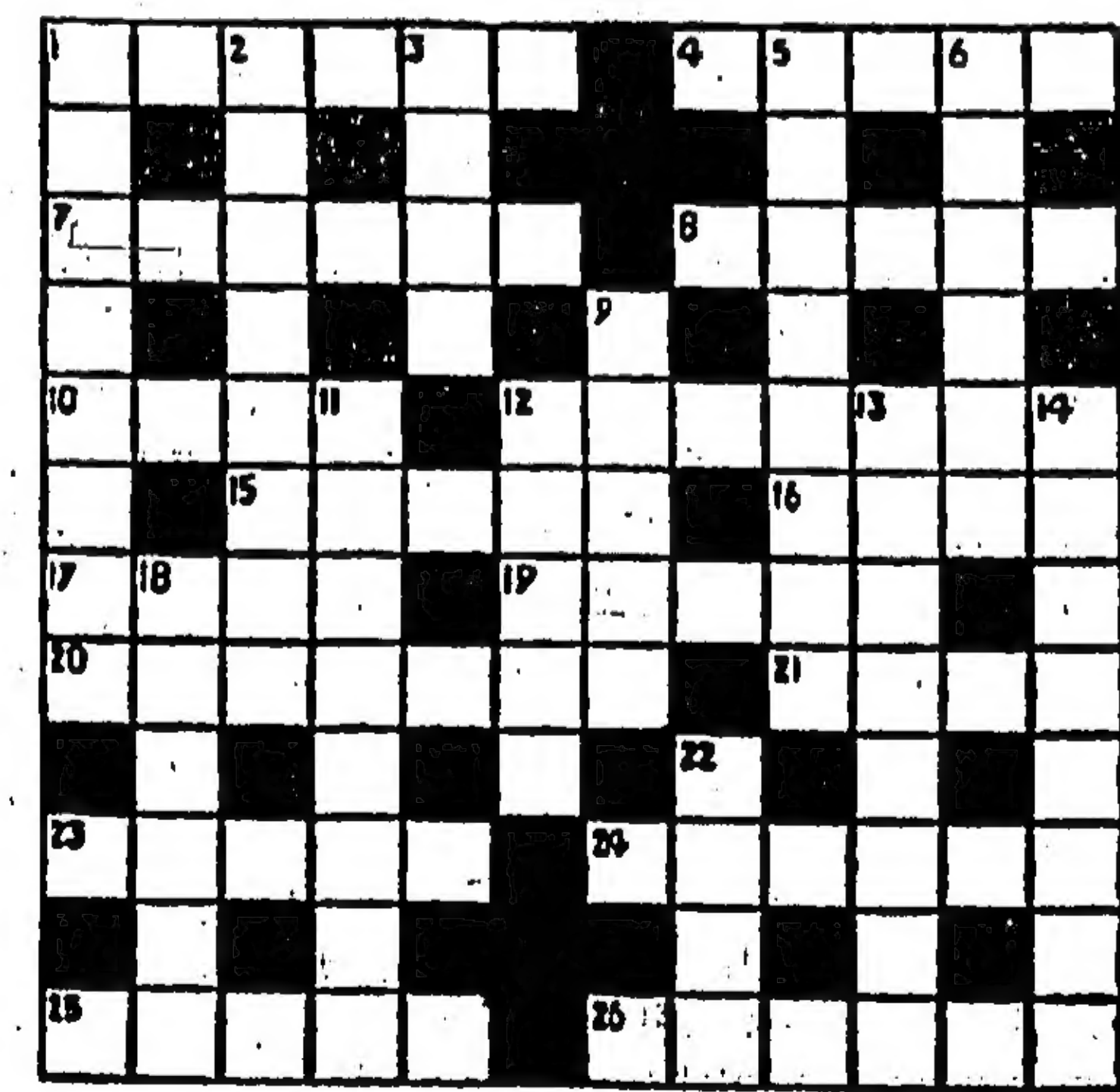
Wellington, Oct. 22. The Minister of External Affairs, Mr Webb, said tonight at a dinner organised by the Wellington branch of the United Nations Association that the New Zealand Government had sent Madame Pandit an official invitation to visit New Zealand.

Mr Webb said that when representing New Zealand at the United Nations recently he asked Madame Pandit to visit the Dominion.

She replied she would like to make the trip when her term as President of the United Nations had finished.

Mr Webb said he asked Madame Pandit to come while she was still President and she promised to consider it and said she had written to her brother, Mr Nehru, Prime Minister of India, for permission for the visit.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Motive (6).
 - Young animal (5).
 - Hush (6).
 - Song (6).
 - Despatch (4).
 - Brings into being (7).
 - Tree (6).
 - Weed (4).
 - Always (4).
 - Carousal (6).
 - Wanted (7).
 - Anchor (4).
 - Acknowledged (6).
 - Dog's (5).
 - Made reparation (6).
- DOWN**
- Opposed (8).
 - Progresses (8).
 - Monster (4).
 - Copies (4).
 - Unlabeled (6).
 - Went astray (5).
 - Mocking (8).
 - Worries (8).
 - Charm (8).
 - Chore (8).
 - Seller (8).
 - Dextrous (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3. Startled, 8. Mutter, 9. Costumes, 11. Computes, 12. Tier, 13. Rebuilt, 18. Dirty, 19. Eras, 22. Crossbow, 24. Indolent, 25. Centre, 26. Retained. Down: 1. Smack, 2. Storm, 3. Escaped, 4. Trot, 5. Rays, 6. Lamped, 7. Desert, 10. Seppie, 14. Mirth, 15. Trustee, 16. Senior, 17. Vandal, 20. Abate, 21. Owned, 22. Clan, 23. Once.

Departure From Traditional Pattern Of Guarantees

Washington, Oct. 22. A proposal is being considered in Western diplomatic circles to offer to the Soviet Union guarantees against aggression in Europe which would define disputed European territorial boundaries involved, it was learned today.

This plan for a "Locarno without territorial clauses" is a novel departure from the traditional pattern of international security guarantees.

It has been put forward in Western diplomatic discussions of many proposals for new guarantees against aggression to meet Soviet and French fears of a revival of German militarism and aggression.

Services Marriage Allowance Anomaly Attacked

Negotiations between the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association and the Government for revising the arrangements for marriage allowances, which result in some families being "poverty-stricken," are continuing, Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Denning, the SSAFA Chairman, said at the annual meeting in London.

"We have been representing this matter to the Services over a period of years," he continued.

Nurses Strike

Malta, Oct. 22. Nurses and domestic workers at Malta's only tuberculosis hospital went on strike today for better working conditions, including more higher pay. Tonight, only doctors and nurses were on duty at the hospital.—Reuter.

Suspension Confirmed

London, Oct. 22. Major Christopher Draper, 61, who flew under 15 Thunderships on May 5, has been informed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation that the suspension of his pilot's licence for one year from May 30, 1953, has been confirmed.

The licence was suspended after he had flown under the bridges at Bow Street court on July 10—he was conditionally discharged after pleading guilty to eight summonses. He was ordered to pay ten guineas costs.

Major Draper won the DSO while flying with the Royal Naval Air Service in the first world war.—China Mail Special.

"We remain convinced that the Servicemen must be made to recognise his responsibilities to his family. The majority do, but a number do not."

Reports the council had received bore out that among some sections of the people there was a lack of responsible thought and action, particularly in domestic affairs.

"It may be that this is the natural outcome of the development of the Welfare State—that so much is done by the State that little is left to the initiative of the individual and that thereby the virtue of self-reliance is not developed in them."

Nothing must be done by SSAFA workers to supplant the self-reliance of the families they helped. It was not the object of the association to be a permanent, leaning prop to these who should be able to cope for themselves.

In the annual report the Council say of the voluntary allotment: "In many cases the Servicemen has more money to spend on his own amusements than his wife has to maintain the home and support herself and her children."

BEST ANSWER

"The Council consider that the reintroduction of Service children's allowances would be the best possible answer." During 1952 the Association made 47,097 grants for servicemen's families, involving £288,446. Although the number of cases helped had decreased the volume of work of voluntary officers had increased.

"Separation," says the report, "is still the largest single cause of marital trouble in Service families. One SSAFA division makes the interesting remark that when husbands are serving in Korea the enforced separation is accepted more readily by their wives than when the husband is serving elsewhere overseas."

Sir Reginald, appealing for greater financial support, said that in 1952 donations fell from £100,000 to £152,567 in spite of substantial contributions from the Searchlight Tattoo in London and the successful air display at Yeovil, near Leeds.

Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, said at the meeting that it was only by building up our military strength to the maximum that we could, with our allies, prevent war, and such building up could not be done unless men of all ranks were contented and of high morale.

Walk-Out By Pluckers

London, Oct. 22. Feather pluckers stopped work in London today fearing that further plucking machines might be added by their employers with means to jobs for them.

A director of a firm of wholesale poultry dealers, who produce 3,000 plucked birds daily, said: "The machines can do the job more efficiently."

"We are trying to give our pluckers birds which are spotlessly clean and uncontaminated. He had no intention of dismissing anybody. The men would be kept on to run the machines."—China Mail Special.

The first general suggestion for such a pact came from the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, who in May proposed that the "master thought" of the famous Locarno Treaty of 1925 against aggression might be incorporated in a new treaty.

One of the major problems of obtaining United States support for a system of European security is that a powerful opinion in the Senate, led by the Republican majority leader, Senator William C. Knowland of California, contend that this would involve recognizing and guaranteeing the Soviet annexation of the Baltic States and Soviet-imposed boundary settlements in Eastern Europe, notably that between Eastern Germany and Poland.

Confronted with this problem and other potential boundary complications in a European security system, some experts have pointed out that, in this age of air attack and the atomic bomb, the question of territorial frontiers and the crossing of those frontiers by invading armies is only one, and not the most important, aspect of aggression.

They have, therefore, suggested that effective and practical guarantees within a European security system could be given by the Western European Powers and by the United States without any attempt to define in new aggression treaties the physical frontiers of the States involved.

STILL AGREED

The United States and other Western European governments are still agreed, after the London conference of Western Foreign Ministers, that the most effective guarantee against aggression in Europe by Germany or any other member of the proposed European Defence Community is the constitution of E.D.C. itself and the provisions of the E.D.C. Treaty, now awaiting ratification.

The Council substitutes for national armies and commands a European army and commands it was on the basis of this conviction that the three Western Foreign Ministers in London last week removed from the first draft of their note to the Soviet Union a passage about the new security system.

The danger was that the proposed paragraph might have been interpreted as an invitation to the Soviet Union to begin early discussions of this Western Foreign Ministers and Western Powers had discussed the crucial German question, and before the E.D.C. had been ratified by Western European legislatures.

GOES FURTHER

Such Soviet-Western discussions might have been used by political opponents of E.D.C. as an excuse to postpone ratification of the treaty while the non-aggression pact talks were proceeding.

Soviet diplomats might have endeavored to use these discussions to exploit differences of opinion between the Western Powers regarding the value of such guarantees.

They have also tried to use them to confuse the situation by injecting controversial boundary questions into the conference.

The consensus in Western diplomatic circles here is that the latest Western note to the Soviet Union, as now amended, goes further than any previous note by them to meet the expressed Soviet desires regarding the agenda of a Soviet-Western meeting and to satisfy Western Foreign Ministers' desire for a more flexible attitude towards discussions with the Soviet Government generally.

The note specially mentions the "problem of European security" as an objective, but makes it clear that the Soviet Foreign Minister must first be prepared for frank Big-Four discussions on Germany and Austria.—China Mail Special.

Bombay, Oct. 22.

Mr Dudley Senanayake, the former Prime Minister of Ceylon, indicated today that he might meet Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, during his visit to this country.

Mr Senanayake arrived by air from Colombo, Ceylon, for a few weeks' rest. Asked whether he would meet Mr. Nehru, he replied: "I may in all probability meet him, but I have not decided when."—Reuter.

Franco Day In Madrid



General Franco and his wife on the dais in Madrid when the General took the salute at the march past of his Guards which followed Mass at the El Prado Palace Chapel in honour of Franco Day.—Express Photo.

Revival Of Faith Among Jews In West Germany

Frankfurt, Oct. 22.

The Jewish remnant in Germany is determined to continue to build up an organised religious community in spite of repeated suggestions that it is waging a hopeless battle in "barbarous" surroundings, its leaders say.

There are about 25,000 Jews in Germany today compared with nearly 600,000 before the Nazi persecutions began. Most of the surviving Jews are elderly.

Observers point to the manner in which most of the Jewish community flocked to their synagogues on the Jewish New Year and the Day of Atonement as an impressive demonstration of a revival of faith. The "Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden in Deutschland," the Jewish weekly newspaper in Germany, listed surprisingly large numbers of places outside the big towns where holy day services were held, showing that thriving, if small, communities exist.

Dr H. G. van Damm, secretary-general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, writing in a recent issue of the weekly, criticised those Jews who believed that it was impossible for a Jewish community to survive in "the state of barbarism in this part of the world."

The past year has given Jews in Germany much satisfaction. The general election on September 6 ended in the rout of anti-Semitic neo-Nazi elements.

The overwhelming majority of the electorate voted for the two main parties, the Christian Democrats led by Dr Konrad Adenauer and the Social Democrats led by Herr Erich Ollenhauer, both of which have conducted a sustained campaign against anti-Semitism.

BONN'S PROMISE

The West German Parliament approved an agreement under which West Germany promises to deliver to Israel 3,450 million marks (about £281,000,000 sterling) worth of goods, including oil and steel, over the next 12 to 14 years as part compensation for Nazi crimes against the Jews.

A West German authority on restitution to Jews, Dr Otto Kuessner, recently estimated that altogether West Germany would pay Israel and individual Jews 9,000 million marks (about £750,000,000 sterling) in restitution. The compensation to Stateless Jews would amount to 5,500 million marks (about £458,000,000 sterling), he estimated. These amounts would be paid by 1962 or 1964.

But the survivors stress what-ever restitution the German State makes none of it will ever bring back to life the millions of Jews who died in Nazi gas chambers and concentration camps.

Many Germans in the past few years have voluntarily expressed genuine sorrow and disgust at the Nazi treatment of Jews.

The Communist authorities, however, refuse to acknowledge Jewish rights to restitution for wrongs done them by the Nazis. They claim that Jewish property lost was "capitalist" property and it would be contrary to Communist economic policy to pay compensation for such property, no matter how it was lost.—China Mail Special.

SMALL NATIONS URGE CREATION OF AID FUND

United Nations, Oct. 22.

Indonesia today said that the proposed international fund to aid under-developed countries and the projected international finance corporation would benefit the whole world.

Indonesia joined a number of smaller countries which have urged the establishment of a special United Nations fund for economic development (SUNFED) during a debate in the United Nations Economic and Financial Committee.

The United States, whose financial help is needed to set up the Fund, announced last week that it could not contribute to it while rearmament is proceeding at its present pace.

The Indonesian representative, Mr. Nuraedi, told the Committee that the \$250,000,000 needed for SUNFED's initial capital was only a small part of the estimated \$10,000,000,000 needed to raise the national income of under-developed States by two per cent.

"It is, therefore, at the present stage not the material significance of the proposals that has caught our hopes and imagination," he said.

"We see the value of the proposals at this juncture as lying most of all in the possibilities which they offer for expanding the basis for international co-operation in the economic field. Certainly, it cannot be denied that \$250,000,000 for this most urgent project is a pitifully small sum as compared to the vast amounts now being spent on outright high-economic projects."

MUST TRY

Mr Nuraedi said that the national governments of under-developed nations must attempt to achieve monetary equilibrium and balance of payments.

"I stress the word 'attempt' for so long as the instability of the prices of primary commodities prevails so long shall the achievement and maintenance of a monetary equilibrium and a balance of payments equilibrium remain a theoretical and practical illusion."

Mr Nuraedi noted that the Netherlands yesterday also appealed for support for SUNFED.

"It was heartening to hear from a developed European country renewed recognition of the fact that the economic problems of the post-war world have become inter-dependent on a worldwide basis and that the problem concerning the maintenance of economic stability, the persistent disequilibrium in the international payments and the under-development of the under-developed countries should be simultaneously attacked along an international front," the Indonesian delegate said.

WILL BE URGENT

"A steady rise of the prosperity level of the world will bring advantage to all."

The United States and the Soviet Union still had ample room for domestic expansion, he said.

"However," he added, "there are economies which have come close to the point of maturity and consequently of stagnation."

"Before very long the search for investment objects will become as desperate and urgent for these countries as the search for means of investment in now for the under-developed countries."

SUNFED would finance grants in aid and low interest loans for under-developed countries.—United Press.

AUCTION OF FAROUK'S TREASURES

London, Oct. 22. Sotheby's, acting as advisers of the Egyptian Government, announced today that most of ex-King Farouk's treasures, worth US\$4,400,000, will be put on auction in Cairo next Feb. 21 in the sale of the century.

The company said the auction will last into March and will be protected by special security measures. It said strangely enough nearly all the fabulous items of the former King are small enough that they can be pocketed.

The items to be auctioned off will include a three-Lira Turkish stamp issued in 1850, the only one of its kind in the world, and a tiny jewel-encrusted snuff box worth US\$4,200.

The company said the auction compares with the sale of the contents of the Versailles Palace in 1793.

All of the former King's property in Egypt has been confiscated by the Naguib Government for back taxes.—United Press.

Trawler Sets New Mark

Great Yarmouth, Oct. 22.

A British herring record was made here today when the Peterhead motor boat landed a catch of 333½ cranes, the biggest haul for a single night's fishing. It beat the 314½ cranes landed last year by the Lowestoft boat. The skipper said his boat probably caught more than 400,000 fish.—China Mail Special.

Decision By Berlin Socialists

Berlin, Oct. 22.

The Social Democratic Party decided tonight to take part in talks with the newly-elected Christian Democratic Chief Burgomaster, Dr Walter Schreiber, on forming a three-Party coalition city government.

A Party spokesman said the Social Democrats expected to get "adequate assurances" that the fight for the "security and the freedom" of the city would be continued in the spirit of the late Social Chief Burgomaster, Professor Ernst Reuter.

But the Party still doubted whether Dr Schreiber was the right man to continue this fight. The decision was taken at a secret Party session held immediately after Dr Schreiber was elected Chief Burgomaster by the City Parliament this morning with 62 votes of the Christian Democrats.

If the Social Democrats refused to join Dr Schreiber's proposed coalition, this would be the first break in the three-Party rule of West Berlin since the city split into Communist and anti-Communist halves in 1948.—Reuter.

Some Social Democrats favoured the coalition because they thought the city, encircled by Soviet-occupied territory, should not be left to right-wing Government only.

The left-wing group of the Party, believed to be strong, argued there would be general elections next year at which the Party's chances would be better if it went into opposition now.

Dr Schreiber, aged 69, succeeded Dr Ernst Reuter, a Social Democrat, who died on September 29.

Dr Schreiber could form a Christian-Free Democratic coalition, but it would have only a 66-61 majority in Parliament.—China Mail Special.

Not To Be Prosecuted

Vienna, Oct. 22.

The former Austrian Vice-Chancellor under Dr Dollfuss, Prince Rudiger von Stahrenberg, at present living in South America, will not be prosecuted in Austria for high treason, following the rejection here by the High Court of a request to this effect by the Public Prosecutor.

The original charge against Prince von Stahrenberg was filed in 1949 by the Austrian Socialist Party, which accused him of paying the way for the 1939 Anschluss by suppressing the Socialist bid for power in February 1934.

Following the filing of the Socialist charge, the Government placed under seal enormous properties in Austria belonging to the Prince. They will not be returned to him.—France-Press.

South Korean Premier

South Korean Premier Park Tooh Chul said that 50,000 South Korean Government officials had been dismissed from their jobs last month in a new economy drive. The original plan called for the dismissal of 60,000 Government workers.—France-Press.

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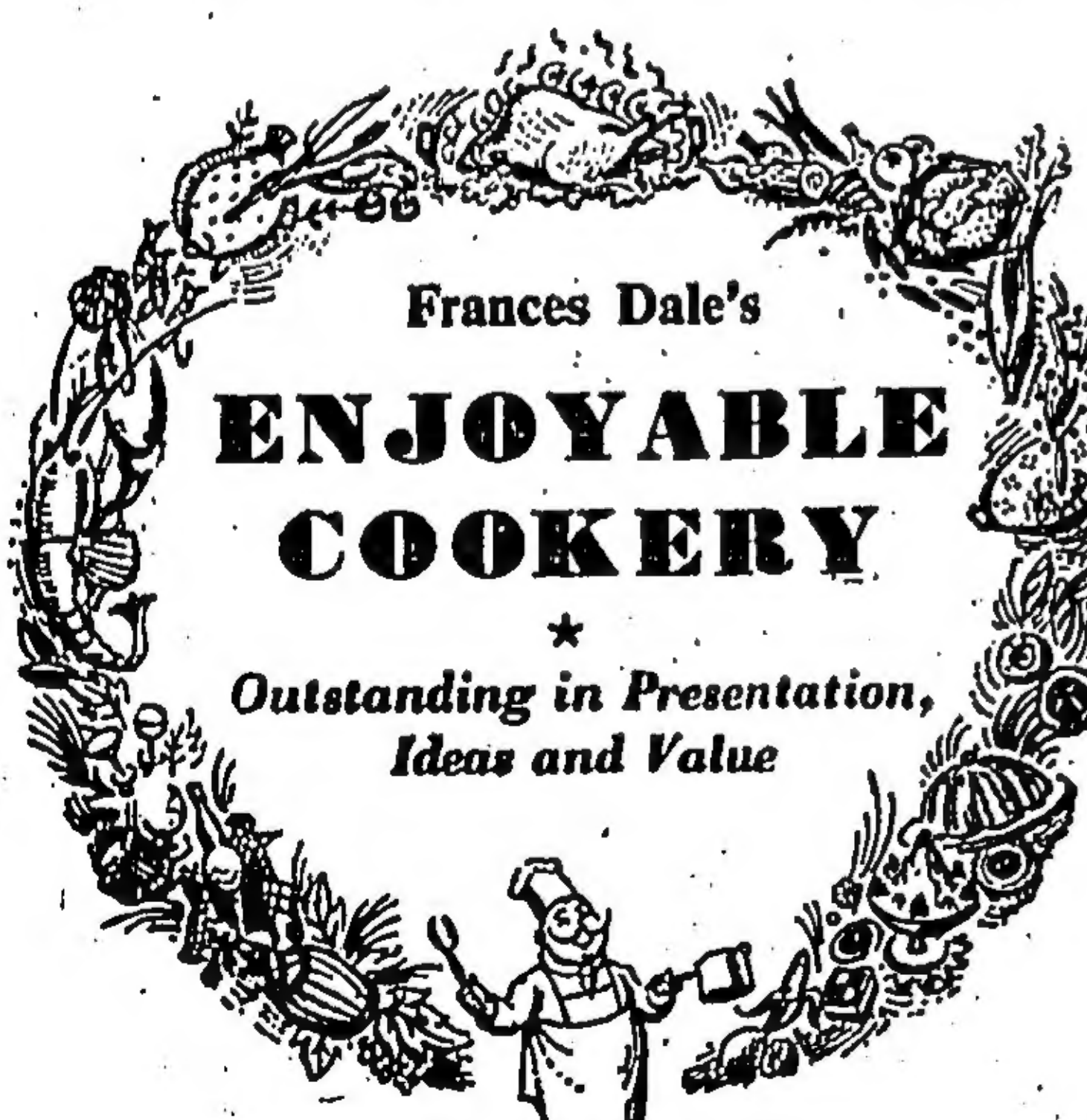
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"Problem, Mr. Colonial Secretary? Get rid of it—as we got rid of India, Burma, etc. . . ."

London Express Service

SILENCE ON CANAL ZONE TALKS

By PATRICK MAITLAND, M.P.

London.

SIR Winston Churchill's

review of Government

policy last week om-

itted one subject on which

there is deep feeling and

some dispute—Egypt.

About a week earlier the

Prime Minister had been ap-

proached by a small group of

leading Conservatives who ex-

pressed their worry lest recent

press reports about negotiations

over the Canal Zone were even

broadly correct.

The tenor of those reports

had been this:

Since Gen. Sir Brian Robert-

son had returned to London for

further instructions, the British

and Egyptian viewpoints have

come closer together; the pre-

sent "informal" discussions are

about the time and manner of a

British evacuation from the

Canal Zone, as also about safe-

guards and arrangements for a

possible return; difficulties,

however, seem to have arisen

about the conditions under

which the enormous base is to

be kept ready for re-occupation.

Some Conservative M.P.s

feared they might find them-

selves faced by an agreement

which they could not support;

one reached while Parliament

was not sitting and when,

therefore, Party feeling could

not be expressed in open de-

bate.

Both Mr Eden and Lord

Salisbury tried to calm the

critics by telling the Party

Conference at Margate there

was no agreement yet; that they

should not believe what they

read in the press; that they

should trust their leaders.

ANXIOUS

This last had been said before.

It was pleaded when anxious

backbenchers were asked to

endorse the British Agreement

with Egypt over the Sudan

last February, providing for

"Sudanisation" of the Sudanese

civil service in a few years.

Now, the critics were fearing

that Britain was negotiating the

departure of all British armed

forces from the Canal Zone on

terms that would neither guar-

antee their right to return nor

their ability readily to do so.

For a smooth return would re-

quire adequate maintenance of

the base meantime. That would

require the presence of a British

staff. And that staff would in

turn need to be protected to en-

sure its proper functioning.

It had been argued that there

were only two ways in which

the remaining technicians could

be safeguarded.

proposal would compromise the

whole basis of the negotiations.

As to the first, it was said, that

if negotiations are proceeding at

all they assume the good faith of

the other side. And, as a result

of the proximity of British

power in Libya, Jordan and

Iraq, it was submitted that

Egyptian good faith can be

accepted.

Or rather, that it is worth

while for the British Common-

wealth to accept it. For the

suggestion is made that the only

justification for the whole

palaver is Britain's desire, be-

cause of pressing commitments

elsewhere, to be free of a duty

costing £50,000,000 a year and

a drain on the manpower pool

of some 70,000 troops.

PROBLEM

The case is that, looking at the

Canal Zone as part of the Com-

monwealth security problem, it

is not so overwhelmingly im-

portant as critics maintain. Lord

Salisbury, for instance, begged

critics not to look at the problem

"in isolation." Mr Eden promised

that any accord reached would

be devised in the best interests

of the Commonwealth as a

whole.

Those arguments did not al-

together convince the audience

that had given spirited support

to the critics' mouthpiece, Mr

Julian Amery, M.P. for Preston,

who is not by any means a lone

figure.

Because of that, some hoped

that Sir Winston would return

to the subject and say something

more categorical.

WORRIED

But he did not do so.

True, it is assumed that he

had consulted with Mr Eden and

with Lord Salisbury as to the

wisdom of a further reference.

And that the counsel he

received was to wait, on the grounds,

perhaps, that any further state-

ments might jeopardise the

negotiations.

Maybe, also, there is even

some basic difference of view

between the two. Mr Eden, for

instance, has been more opti-

mistic of late, still exude optimism.

Even British sources, while

cautious, were three weeks

ago expressing the hope, if no

more, that a solution could be

reached within a month or so.

That is just what the critics

are worrying about.

THEY NEVER SLEEP IN GLITTER GULCH

Las Vegas, Nevada.

I n jeans and sandals,

with huge straw hat

protecting her head

from the burning sun, Rita

Hayworth strolls in the

grounds of the Sands Hotel,

Las Vegas, with two shirt-

sleeved policemen.

The police are there because

two anonymous letters have

threatened her with death.

With her at the hotel are her

daughters, Rebecca and Yamin,

flown there from Hollywood,

with a great parade of secrecy,

since they were threatened too.

And the group is completed by

the Argentinean crooner, Dick

Haynes, the man with passport

trouble who has now married

her.

In the Las Vegas court room

the British war bride, Alice

White is being tried for murder-

ing Sergeant Andrew White, the

husband she is alleged to have

shot through the head while he

slept at their quarters at the

nearby Nellis Airbase.

Strange things happen all the

time in this glittering gambling

resort that has mushroomed in

little more than a decade in the

midst of the stark Nevada

desert.

At five o'clock on a summer

morning just two months ago

the windows of the gaming room

of a super-luxury hotel, named

The Last Frontier, were sud-

denly shattered.

Gamblers playing at the tables

were startled by the tinkle of

★ In the Monte Carlo of the West

there is always some excitement — Rita

Hayworth facing a threat of death

a war bride on trial for murder

or may be just an atom bomb exploding.

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There are special left-handed

slot machines for what Ameri-

cans call "southpaws" (left-

handers).

A benevolent municipality

provides a playground with a

pool where children are looked

after while mother tries her

luck.

A little newspaper shop has a

gambling machine outside its

door to attract customers.

From dusk to dawn Las Vegas

(which means the meadows)

throbs with blazing neon lights.

"Day" opens welcome adver-

English Professional Soccer Has A Complex Financial Problem

London, Oct. 22.

English professional soccer has a complex financial problem. This season again points to it, and no one seems to know with certainty what the outcome will be.

Large profits among a few leading clubs and high transfer fees may be repeated and give an impression of prosperity, but they won't hide the fact that many clubs, chiefly of the Second and Third Divisions, are not happy about their business life.

Apart from increased travelling costs and overheads, another factor is a fall in attendances when a club is not winning. An example is Newport County, lower placed in the Third Division (Southern). They say their average gate this season of 7,000 has meant a loss of £70 a week.

Good results, however, do not necessarily bring good receipts. There are teams doing well yet not drawing the crowds, and reports have come from the Second Division of average decreases ranging between 6,000 with one club and 2,000 with another.

Hinting that the trouble these recent years is not confined to England is East Fife's experience last season. They finished third in the Scottish League Division A and won eleven of fifteen home matches. But average home "gates" were only 10,000.

CONTINUAL DECLINE

Since 1948-49, when attendances in the three English Divisions totalled 41,271,221, there has been a continual decline. In 1952-53 the total was 37,143,590, which was 1,000,000 less than that of the previous season. Twenty-eight of the 92 clubs suffered in last year, including 19 of the Third.

FINAL LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE STANDINGS

The following are the final standings for the 1953 Lawn Bowls League season with all fixtures completed:

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Shots	Shots	Pts.
					F	A	U
Recrelo	16	14	2	0	1093	704	200
IRC	16	12	4	0	1017	899	118
GDGC	16	10	6	0	1034	867	167
CCC	16	10	6	0	994	891	103
KCC	16	8	8	0	994	921	73
KDC	16	8	8	0	977	934	43
PHC	16	4	12	0	832	1023	101
HKCC	16	3	13	0	782	1110	328
Takou	16	13	3	0	821	1105	284

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Shots	Shots	Pts.
					F	A	U
Recrelo	14	12	2	0	963	709	254
IRC	14	9	5	0	845	844	1
FC	14	8	6	0	810	777	63
KCC	14	8	6	0	812	757	85
IRC	14	6	8	0	783	910	66
KDC	14	6	8	0	876	898	68
KIRC	14	4	10	0	743	898	155
HKCC	14	5	9	0	699	949	250

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Shots	Shots	Pts.
					F	A	U
IRC	18	18	0	0	1284	882	402
Recrelo	18	15	3	0	1221	831	290
CCC	18	14	4	0	1217	825	322
KCC	18	10	8	0	1010	825	231
USRC	18	8	10	0	1117	1095	22
FC	18	8	10	0	1048	1055	7
POC	18	6	12	0	1019	1080	31
HKFC	18	6	12	0	952	1230	280
PHC	18	3	15	0	883	1199	316
HKERC	18	3	15	0	885	1302	417

SKIPS' TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Shots	Shots	Pts.
					F	A	U
J.F.V. Ribeiro (REC)	10	13	1	0	2 383	246	133
J.S. Landolt (CCC)	10	12	1	0	2 341	281	60
A.A. Lopez (REC)	10	10	1	0	2 333	240	95
A.M. Omar (IRC)	10	11	1	0	3 296	240	50
C.R. Rossetti (CCC)	10	10	1	0	1 342	278	64
W. Hong Sling (KCC)	10	10	1	0	5 231	285	36
R.B. Robertson (KCCG)	10	8	1	0	4 283	227	50
T.S. Gouley (KCC)	10	8	1	0	3 325	227	52
J. McKelvie (KBGC)	10	8	1	0	5 271	244	27
A.K. Minu (IRC)	10	8	1	0	3 233	208	25
J.E. Noronha (REC)	10	7	1	0	8 355	289	68
B.W. Bradbury (CCC)	10	7	1	0	9 311	332	21

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Shots	Shots	Pts.
					F	A	U
C.A. Dannenberg (REC)	13	11	1	0	2 312	227	65
C.A. Coelho (FC)	13	10	1	0	2 314	241	73
A.A. Lopez (REC)	13	9	1	0	2 277	189	88
H.A. Ozerio (REC)	13	9	1	0	5 207	241	66
J.J. Basto (REC)	13	9	1	0	5 283	287	4
N.A. Bottrao (REC)	13	8	1	0	0 276	265	11
M.J. Divocia (KCC)	13	7	1	0	4 253	207	46
A.F. Gomes (REC)	13	7	1	0	1 286	292	6
S.M. Rumjahn (IRC)	13	7	1	0	6 270	285	25
A.M. Rumjahn (IRC)	13	7	1	0	4 210	207	12

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Shots	Shots	Pts.
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A.A. Remedios (REC)	18	14	1	0	4 414	309	105
A.R. Razack (IRC)	18	13	1	0	1 385	229	206
R. Tay (CCC)	18	13	1	0	3 387	279	78
S.L. Leonard (CCC)	18	12	1	0	4 420	252	169
A.R. Sadok (IRC)	18	12	1	0	4 413	271	142
A.A. Gutierrez (REC)	18	12	1	0	3 395	243	122
C.W. Lam (KCC)	18	11	1	0	0 380	303	7
M.Y. Adal (IRC)	18	10	1	0	2 402	249	153
G.I. Shaw (FC)	18	10	1	0	7 371	332	30
D.L. Edwards (USRC)	18	10	1	0	0 304	331	33
A. Rozario (IRC)	18	10	1	0	0 353	274	70
A. Slevin (USRC)	18	10	1	0	8 376	385	10
V.A. Neves (FC)	18	9	1	0	8 317	315	9
S. Ramchand (KCC)	18	9	1	0	0 303	283	28
J.E. Taylor (CCC)	18	8	1	0	0 301	230	71
M.T. Nunes (FC)	18	8	1	0	10 380	350	30



Six Hundredths Of An Inch Continues To Cause A Lot Of Discussion

London, Oct. 22.

Six hundredths of an inch—or about 1½ millimetres—is a somewhat infinitesimal distance, but it has caused a great deal of discussion among golfers.

It is the difference in size between the British and American golf balls, the British having a diameter of 1.62 inches and the American 1.68.

Many people believe the size should be standardised throughout the world, but that would be a big step to take, considering the varying conditions in different lands.

To settle on the smaller size would upset the Americans and to fix on the latter would cause grievances in those parts where the smaller ball rules.

In actual fact there is nothing to stop the large ball being used by players who abide by the laws of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

DON GEHRMANN PREPARES FOR HIS FAREWELL INDOOR TRACK CAMPAIGN

New York, Oct. 22.

The 1954 indoor track season in America, which may be one of the greatest of international seasons, also will be the farewell campaign for Don Gehrmann, one of the USA's best Milers.

"This is my last year and I want to make it good," Gehrmann told the United Press. "I'm working very hard to get into top physical shape and I hope to be at my best against the finest opponents in the world."

Gehrmann and American fans have suffered one disappointment after another—there will be no star Germans at the indoor meets. It had been hoped to import Werner Lueg, Rolf Lamers or some of the other top runners, but the West German Federation has informed the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union that none of the Germans will be available for the indoor season.

He works out regularly with the Marquette University track team—something he has not done since his own college days—and can run either indoors or outdoors daily.

BOYSEN & BARTHEL

However, Audun Boyesen of Norway, one of the best in the world at 800 Metres, has indicated that he will come to America, and Joseph Barthel of Luxembourg, the 1952 Olympic 1,600 Metres Champion, is attending Harvard University in America and already is in training to compete through the full indoor schedule.

The AAU has asked the various European Federations to round out their stars on availability for the American indoor season, and when a list of available is compiled, the AAU will confer with meet promoters and then issue invitations.

The withdrawal of the Germans from consideration will, of course, open extra places for other Europeans—Scandinavian, French and English.

Gehrmann never had run up to his full potential since leaving college, and this was due in great part to his work, which would not permit intensive training. Gehrmann, married and with children, explained that his income was more important than blue ribbons, and he stuck with his job, which demanded that he travel.

CARRUTHERS A HOT FAVOURITE TO RETAIN HIS TITLE

Sydney, Oct. 22.

World Bantamweight Champion Jimmy Carruthers, is hot favourite to retain his title against American Henry "Pappy" Gault in an open-air arena at Sydney's Sports Ground on Friday, November 13.

The fight will be the second world title bout in Australian history, and the first in which an Australian is taking part on his home ground.

A crowd of more than 35,000 is expected to see the fight after paying about \$80,000 for seats ranging in price from \$10 ringside down to 10 shillings.

The promoters will receive 51 per cent of the gross takings. Carruthers will receive the remaining 49 per cent, and from it he will pay all expenses of the promotion, including Gault's £3,368 guaranteed purse, and keep what's left—probably about £20,000.

SECOND DEFENCE

Carruthers, 24, is making his second defence of the title he took from South Africa's Vic Towel on November 18, 1952, at Johannesburg's Rand Stadium. He successfully defended against Towel in a return bout on March 22, this year. Both bouts ended in knockouts.

Gault, 24, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, is having his first shot at a world title. He held the North American bantam title from October last year until beaten by Billy Peacock in New York on August 17.

The fight contract provides for a return match within 90 days in the event of a win by Gault, with each boxer receiving 25 per cent of the net gate, and the promoters, 50 per cent. The Federation of Police Boys' Clubs will not promote a return match.

If the title bout goes the full 15 rounds the winner will be the boxer with the most aggregate points awarded by three judges. The referee, Harry Mack, of Newcastle, New South Wales, will control the fight only and will not keep a score-card.

Carruthers and Gault, both 24, represented their countries at the London Olympic Games in 1948. Carruthers was unbeaten

but had to retire after two wins because of an eye injury. Gault did not have a fight as he was a reserve.

MARKED ADVANTAGES

The Champion has marked physical advantages over Gault, but lacks the ring experience of the challenger. Gault has had 47 professional fights and has lost only seven of them. Carruthers is undefeated in his professional career of only 10 fights.

The Australian is a rangy 5 ft. 6 ins.—three inches taller than the challenger, and has a four-inch longer reach. Gault is an inch bigger around the chest but has smaller biceps. Carruthers has the better build for a fighter. He is tall—for a bantamweight—and tapers down from wide shoulders. Gault is the stocky type and is bigger in the body than Carruthers.

The American gets most of his extra poundage from his legs, which experts regard as detrimental for a fighter. Carruthers is a southpaw and Gault adopts the orthodox stance. In the ring, both men are relentless punchers, with plenty of stamina and speed.—United Press.

Why Pirie Tilts His Head

Gordon Pirie, who is being hailed as one of the world's greatest runners, tilts his head to one side while running.

His nose was bent slightly during a school boxing match, and now he has to tilt his head so that his nose does not interrupt a clear view of the track ahead.

At breakfast the always early runner takes his usual 100 miles a week. In the morning he wakes to a cold near his office, drinks two glasses of milk, he takes a shower at the same cafe and has his double helping.

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FORTUNA IN MANILA

Manila, Oct. 22.

The Fortuna Swimming Club's delegation arrived here today from Hongkong for a four-day series of swimming matches against Manila teams.

The 23-member delegation is headed by the Club's President, Mr. Henry Hsu. Hongkong's Olympic representative, Cheong Kin-man, leads the men's team.—Reuter.

D. V. P. WRIGHT TO LEAD KENT

Canterbury, Oct. 22.

Kent's senior professional and former England legbreak bowler, D. V. P. Wright, was today appointed Captain of the Kent County cricket side for 1954. Wright took over the captaincy for the closing weeks of last season after the post was relinquished by W. Murray Wood.—China Mail Special.



CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent their Clubs in League cricket matches tomorrow and Sunday:

HKCC
Occasionals v Civil Service on Sunday at 11.30 a.m. at Chater Road—D. A. Pearce (Capt.), K.G.E. Spink, G.H.P. Pritchard, H. R. O. Huddle, R. Macpherson, E. S. Russell, C.B. Leader, A.J. Harvey, C. McEwen, J. Filmer, L. Crowe.
Optimists tomorrow at 1.30 p.m. at Chater Road—D. A. Pearce (Capt.), H. R. O. Huddle, R. Macpherson, E. S. Russell, C.B. Leader, A.J. Harvey, C. McEwen, J. Filmer, L. Crowe.

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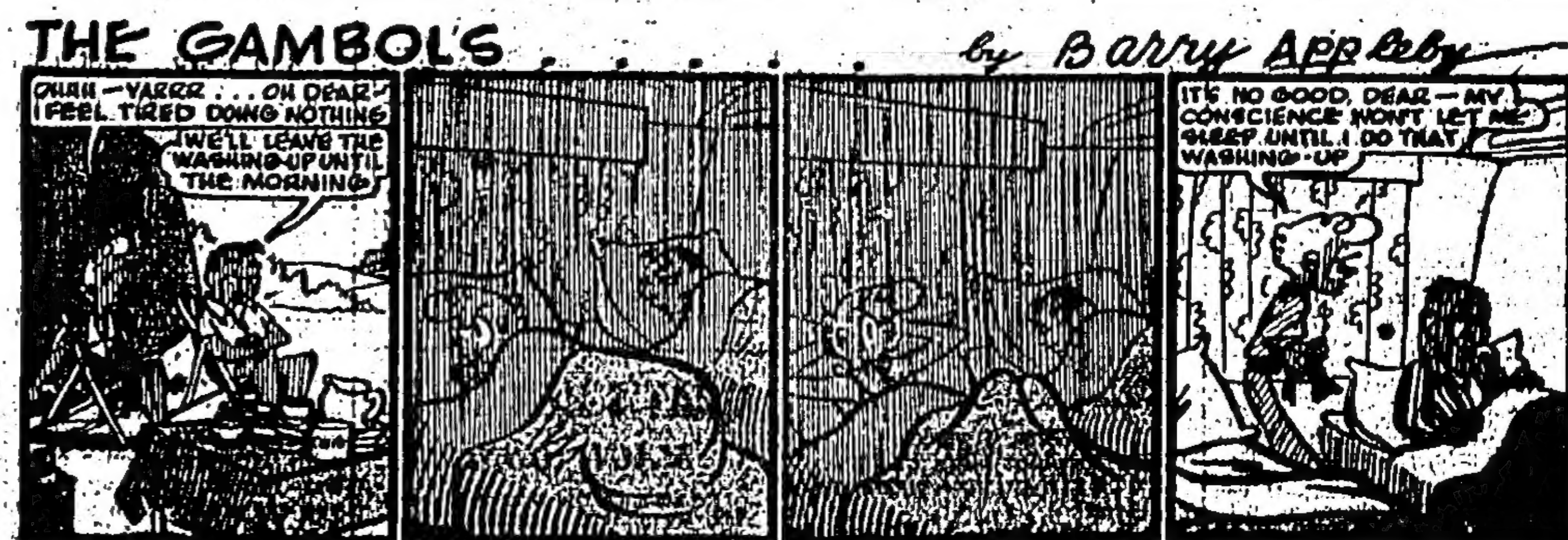
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Sails		
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LAU TAK PO,
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Hongkong, 23rd Sept., 1953.

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Philippines Plans To Ensure "Clean" Elections

Manila, Oct. 22.

The Philippines is going to the polls on November 10 to elect the third President of the Republic amidst charges and counter-charges by the contending parties, each plotting to defeat the popular will.

The Commission on Election has adopted a plan to ensure clean elections with the use of the constabulary, troops and army reservists to police the polls.

The main contenders for the Presidency are the 62-year-old incumbent, President Alfredo Quirino, and 45-year-old Ramon Magsaysay, former Defense Minister, who left the Government party to accept the Nationalista (minority) Party nomination.

President Quirino is citing his achievements in a bid for re-election and is capitalising on the issue of American intervention in local politics to gain popular support.

Mr. Magsaysay has launched a drive on the issue of cleaning the Liberal Party Government of grafters.

Mr. Magsaysay has covered more of the countryside than his opponent, who had spent two months in the United States, where he had an ulcer removed.

As the election drives are working up to a climax, the Bell Commission has been swamped with charges of irregularities in the registration of voters.

In Lanno Province, registration was annulled and a new one ordered on opposition charges of irregularities.

In Bulacan, the Provincial Commander of the National Police has been denounced as abetting terrorism.

In Tarlac Province, north of Manila, hundreds of voters were reported to have been stricken out of the registration lists on a Liberal Congressman's charges that these voters were either dead or transferred and the opposition is asking for a probe of the alleged anomaly.

Political refugees from Negros Province have alleged terrorism by the Liberal Governor's henchmen. Administration leaders in turn charge the opposition with fabricating the charges to justify an alleged revolution plot to seize power.

The consensus among neutrals is that barring frauds in the election, there will be a change in the administration in 1954.—Reuter.

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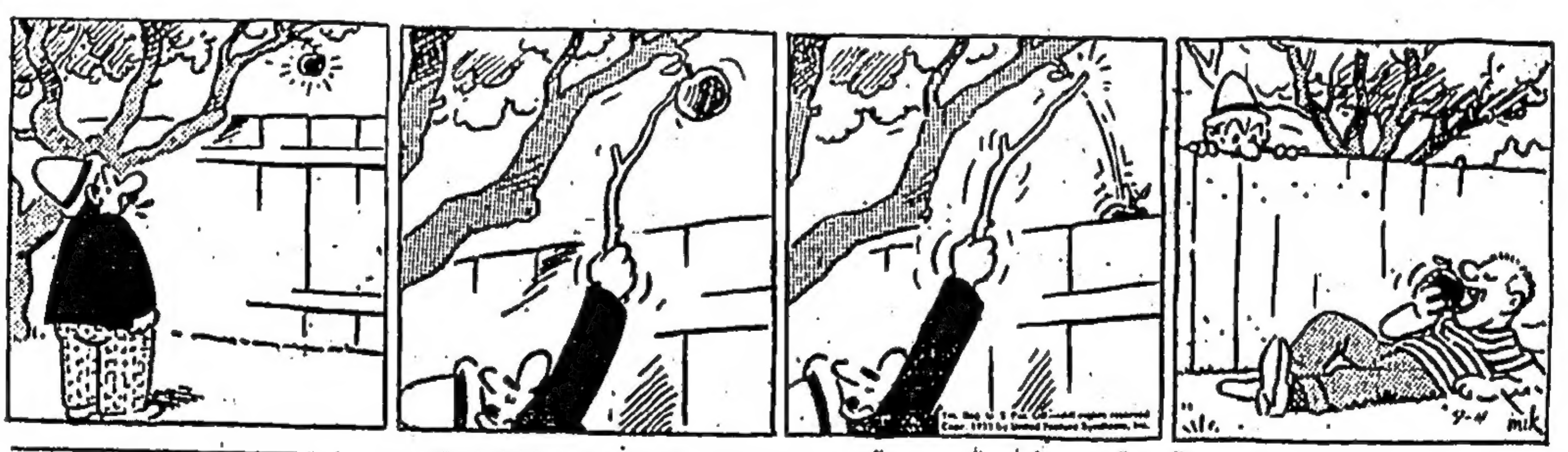
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U.S.A. & Canada, 5 p.m.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 6 p.m.

North America, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.

Japan, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 6 p.m.

Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 8 p.m.

By Surface

Thailand, 3 p.m.

Malaya, 3 p.m.

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By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 a.m.

Thailand, Burma, India, Malaya, Middle East, 9 a.m.

Hawaii, 6 p.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.

Japan, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Thailand, 3 p.m.

Malaya, 3 p.m.

FLOODS TOLL

Reggio Calabria, Italy, Oct. 23.

At least 70 people were feared to have died last night in torrential rains and floods which lashed the toe of Italy all Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

The number of missing is "very large," many hundreds of homes have been swept away, and 31 bodies have so far been recovered and identified.

The situation area runs for about 10 miles down the top of the peninsula. All communications with 13 villages and towns have been cut off by flood waters. Bridges across swollen torrents have been swept away, power lines and telephone poles have been snapped and rail lines cut.—Reuter.

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San Miguel

Queen Juliana At European Council



Applause from Queen Juliana, Prince Bernhard and M. Robert Schumann, during the opening speech by the President, M. Paul Henri Spaak, at the European Council Meeting at The Hague.—Express Photo.

A Confidential Matter

Proctoria, Oct. 22. Women's ages will not appear on the identity cards to be issued to Europeans under the South African population registration scheme, it was announced.

The Director of Census and Statistics, Mr. J. Roofs, said women already stated their ages on the last census forms they filled in.

"Whether they want to give their ages now or not we already have the information," he added. "The ages will, however, be regarded as confidential and will not appear on the identity cards."—China Mail Special.

Better Than In Lancashire JAPANESE MILL CONDITIONS

Manchester, Oct. 22. Conditions in the worst Japanese mills are better than those in the average cotton mill in Lancashire, Mr. Alfred Roberts, General Secretary of the 50,000-strong Cardroom Workers Amalgamation, said in Manchester today.

Mr. Roberts, who recently returned from a visit to Japan, was announcing the setting up by the Amalgamation of a committee to examine Japanese ventilation, lighting, machinery and mechanical handling conditions in Lancashire mills.

Improvements had been made since the war in Lancashire mills, some of them substantial, but taking the industry as a whole, they have been patchy, said Mr. Roberts.

"Our standards generally are worse than those in other countries. The worst mill I saw in Japan was better than the average mill in Lancashire," he said.

"They have lofty rooms, their machines are better spaced and the lighting is good, to quote examples."

Mr. Roberts said the Amalgamation wanted to see the same standard of conditions in all mills in Lancashire as obtained in the mills which had carried out improvements.—China Mail Special.

'Capital Value' Of A Man

Muenster, Oct. 22. The West German medical information service estimated a man's "capital value" at 50,000 marks (\$24,100 sterling).

It pointed out that a machine's value was preserved by overhauls from time to time. A man's value, which accrued from his education and training, was not looked after so thoroughly. He did not get sufficient holidays and often worked too long at one stretch.

Inevitably, the capital invested in him was allowed to deteriorate, to the disadvantage of the business employing him.—China Mail Special.

Naguib Regime's Drive Against Drug Menace

Alexandria, Oct. 22. The Egyptian authorities, making a determined drive against the drug menace, are coming more and more to realise that a better social system offers the best hope of winning the fight.

The odds against them in their efforts to stamp out the illicit traffic in drugs are enormous.

Drug-taking is a vice in which rich and poor alike indulge. Parties are given by the rich, at which a room is often set aside for hashish smoking. To the poor, hashish is the "prospect to dreamland"—an escape from their poverty and miserable surroundings. It also affords temporary relief from the pains which accompany the endemic diseases, particularly bilharzia, from which millions suffer.

It is difficult to break up the rings which smuggle drugs into Egypt. For immediately peddlars are sent to prison, others step into their shoes, knowing that although the risks are great, the profits are large.

President Mohammed Naguib and the young officers who now rule Egypt are only too well aware of the widespread tragedy inherent in drug peddling and drug addiction.

"LAST PLAGUE" A few months after the new regime came to power in Egypt last year, it was reported that consideration was being given to the imposition of the death sentence on drug smugglers. No such sentence has yet been imposed, but the imposition of heavier prison sentences and fines at the recent Assizes here show that the Government is making a determined drive against what has been described as the "last plague of Egypt."

There was, for example, the case of 50-year-old Ibrahim Harbi Samad, a Moslem Sheikh (preacher) in a coastguard's mosque at Anfusy, near Alexandria, who was recently sentenced to imprisonment for life, with hard labour, and fined £3,000 for being in possession of drugs worth 10 piastres (10/-).

Samad told the court that although he had been a drug addict, he had managed to conquer the habit. On the day he was arrested, he said, a man came up to him and pleaded for some drugs. He took pity on the man and went to 52-year-old Mohammed Ahmed Gad, whom he knew to be a drug peddler, to get some.

SOLD OPENLY Samad and Gad were together, with hashish and opium in their possession, when they were arrested by the police. Gad received the same sentence as Samad.

Several other men followed Samad and Gad to prison to serve life sentences, while others received lesser terms of imprisonment and were ordered to pay smaller fines.

Evidence presented during the hearing of the cases showed that drugs were being openly sold and consumed by addicts in this "second capital."

Thirty-year-old Ahmed Hassan Mohammed left his house, and was playing his trade as a vendor of hashish and opium in the street when he was arrested. A life sentence and a fine of £3,000 has put him out of business.

Sold Mohammed Mekawi, a 50-year-old carpenter, was caught taking drugs in a cafe. He had served 11 terms of imprisonment for drug-taking and has now gone off to prison.

for another three years. He was also ordered to pay a fine of £300.

A 16-year-old boy, Hassan Chehaba Omar, caught selling hashish, was sent to prison for ten years.

He denied that he was a dealer, and said that he was a peddler for a distributor, whom the police have not been able to catch.

The white drugs come from the Balkans regions and are smuggled into Egypt mainly by sea.

The cheaper drugs, particularly hashish which comes in big quantities from the Levant, reaches Egypt over desert routes.

DAILY SEIZURES Coastguards and desert patrols using dogs and sniffer mules daily seizures of these deadly wares.

Even so, huge amounts are smuggled through, or round, the protective barrier to reach the peddlars and later the addicts in the main population centres of Egypt.

Egypt has for long regarded it as an unfriendly act on the part of the Levant States to allow consignments of hashish grown there to reach Egypt, where it has a devastating effect on the national health.—Herald.

JAPANESE ENVOYS TO CONFER

London, Oct. 22. Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto, Japan's Ambassador to Britain, will fly to Rome on October 30 to attend a three-day conference of Japanese diplomatic leaders in Western Europe.

The diplomats will exchange information on the situation in the countries to which they are accredited, review trade with Europe and the Near East and discuss the world situation.

A similar conference was held in Paris in January, when Mr. Matsumoto presided.

The Rome discussions, opening on November 2, will be presided over by Mr. Ken Harada, Ambassador to Italy, and will also be attended by Mr. Eiji Wajima, head of the Asiatic Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Ministry. Heads of missions in Paris, Brussels, The Hague, Stockholm, Helsinki, Bern, Geneva, Belgrade, Bonn, Madrid, the Vatican and Cairo are expected to be present.

No rigid agenda has been fixed for the discussions but they will range over a wide area of political, economic and trading questions directly affecting Japan's relations with Europe. The conference will be able to survey European reaction to Japan's foreign policy, since the peace treaty was ratified last year.

It will also report on the functioning of the various Japanese missions in Europe and consider local administrative and other problems.—China Mail Special.

Japanese Industry's Increasing Interest In Southeast Asia

Japanese industry appears to be steadily gaining momentum towards participation in the development of natural resources in Southeast Asia.

Information indicates that leading Japanese companies, separately or in groups, are approaching industrial firms in Southeast Asian countries for technical tie-ups, for the development of natural resources.

For Japanese industry, which once dominated Southeast Asian resources within the framework of the so-called Co-prosperity Sphere, participation in the development of Southeast Asia is the only means of survival so long as Communist China remains virtually closed to trade.

Since Japan's defeat in the war, Southeast Asian countries either remained outwardly aloof to the idea of Japan's advance in Southeast Asia or actively campaigned against the possible revival of the "Co-prosperity Sphere."

In the early phase of the Allied occupation of Japan the danger was negligible but as Japan regained and recovered from her defeat these countries became increasingly aware of the danger of a reviving Japanese industry which could be found nowhere but in Southeast Asia.

This has been the principal cause, along with Japan's reluctance to pay war reparations, for the not very friendly relations between Japan and Southeast Asian countries.

The following examples illustrate how Japanese industry is penetrating to Southeast Asia.

TALKS IN TOKYO

The Yawata, Fuji and Japan Steel Tube iron mills are studying the development of two iron ore mines, the Rurap and Matimines in the Philippines, on the basis of a report made by their joint fact-finding mission sent there recently.

The three Japanese companies are soon to negotiate with the head of the Philippine Mining Company, due to arrive here this month, over the projected development of the Rurap mine.

In the forthcoming negotiations with the Philippine company, the Japanese companies are expected to offer \$2,000,000 worth of mining machinery.

As president, they will ask the Philippine company to increase the present annual 750,000-ton limit of iron ore import to Japan to 1,800,000 tons.

They will also offer \$1,500,000 worth of mining and other machinery to the Matimines, yet to be developed, on condition that it will export to Japan annually 720,000 tons of iron ore.

MINE IN CEBU

The Mitsubishi Metal Mining Company sent Mr. Selschi Furumura, its Vice-President, to Cebu Island to seek cooperation on the development of a copper mine at Toledo which is said to be rich in high-grade iron ore.

The Japan Mining Company and the Taiheyo Mining Company have signed a contract

with the Nihon Company on the development of a copper mine at Rapu.

The companies will also offer mine or crushing equipment, capable of processing 3,000 tons of copper monthly, and in return, will ask for import of copper ore.

In Formosa, the Japan Mining Company is refining copper from the China Chiao Shin mines. A survey team of the company is in Formosa to prepare for the boosting of ore production to 1,500 tons from the present 600 tons a month.

IN HONGKONG

The Japan Mining Company will also send a survey team to Hongkong to study the prospect of giving technical aid in the development of tungsten mines in the New Territories.

The Yawata Iron Mill is considering surveying iron ore resources in Thailand and may establish a joint Japan-Thailand mill, depending on the outcome of the survey.

The Mitsui Metal Mining surveyed tin and tungsten resources in northern Malaya at the request of the Yeh Sien Thai of Thailand.

The company will send experts and provide mining facilities and purchase ore in return.

A plan is afoot to set up a joint Japan-Thailand company for developing salt fields of about 5,000 acres at the mouth of the Mien River.

The Japan Mining Company has sent a survey team to the Atch oilfield in northern Sumatra at the request of the Ishihara Sangyo Company has obtained the approval of the Indonesian Government to the establishment of a Japan-Indonesia joint bank with a capital of 1,700,000,000 yen.—France-Press.

London Foreign Exchange

	London, Oct. 22
New York	2.80 1/2-2.81
Montreal	2.78-2.79 1/2
Amsterdam	16.62 1/2-16.63 1/2
Brussels	16.10-16.11 1/2
Paris	16.08 1/2-16.09 1/2
Zurich	12.18 1/2-12.19 1/2
Copenhagen	10.37 1/2-10.38 1/2
Stockholm	14.43 1/2-14.44 1/2
Oslo	70.85-70.86
London	11.02 1/2-11.03 1/2
Deutsche Mark	15 1/2-15 3/4
Black Mark	—United Press.

Japanese Worried By Indian Trend

Bombay, Oct. 22. The Textile Commissioner of the Government of India reported that the Japanese are worried that India has ceased to be one of the important buyers from Japan.

Mr. T. Swaminathan, who returned from Bombay yesterday after six-week tour of Japan to study the textile industry, added that the Japanese are "urging the removal of restrictions on the removal of Japanese goods by India."

Mr. Swaminathan said that Japan's large dependence upon export markets was responsible for the present trend in Japan toward concentration and building up of heavy industries.

Mr. Swaminathan indicated large and small-scale industries to find out how large-scale industries had adjusted itself to post-war conditions and how small and large industries worked side by side.

He said, "The object was to see how India can decentralise its textile industry to obtain the largest possible volume of employment."

Meanwhile, Indian textile circles are worried by increasing competition from Japan in the field of cotton textile goods as

Tokyo, Oct. 22.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$479,540.20. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSBC	1500	10	1500
Bank of China	100	100	200
East Asia	100	100	200
INSURANCES	900	870	20
Union	50	1000	50
Underwriters	100	100	200
IKK Fire	100	100	200
SHIPPING	1500	1000	500
Asia Nav.	130	140	270
DOCKERS, ETC.	100	100	200
Q. Wharf	87 1/2	87 1/2	175
Dock	21 1/2	21 1/2	43
Provinc.	25 1/2	12 1/2	1000
Wheelock	8 1/2	8 1/2	165
LAND, ETC.	100	100	200
IKK Hotel	7 1/2	7 1/2	150
IKK Land	6 1/2	6 1/2	130
Shai Land	1 1/2	1 1/2	300
Humphreys	17 1/2	17 1/2	350
UTILITIES	23 1/2	23 1/2	470
Tram	100	100	200
Star Ferry	100	100	200
C. Light (O)	13 1/2	13 1/2	270
C. Light (N)	9 1/2	9 1/2	185
Electric	23 1/2	23 1/2	470
Telephone	23 1/2	23 1/2	470
INDUSTRIALS	13 1/2	13 1/2	270
Cement	17 1/2	17 1/2	350
STOCKS, ETC.	23 1/2	23 1/2	470
Watson	23 1/2	23 1/2	470
COTTONS	200	200	400
Textile Corp.	6 1/2	6 1/2	130
MISCELLANEOUS	100	100	200
Yongtze XD	6 1/2	6 1/2	130

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Japan Seeks Trade With East Africa

Nairobi, Oct. 22. Japan has appointed Mr. Kaneko as her first Consul in East Africa since World War Two, with headquarters at Nairobi.

Mr. Kaneko said today: "Japan is anxious to increase her trade with the East African territories. We would like to buy more raw cotton from Uganda and we are also interested in sisal, macadamia and soda."

The East African Governments have already partly lifted the embargo on Japanese textiles from next May and there is a possibility that restrictions may be further lifted. It is learned here.—Reuter.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Oct. 22.

The tin market was barely steady. Spot was marked down £5 to £613 1/4 and three-months £1 to £587 1/4. Turnover was 43 tons of which 30 tons were for cash.

Spot tin buyers	12 1/2
Business	12 1/2
3-month tin buyers	50 1/2
Business	50 1/2

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK
PLATFORM THIEF

THE American sergeant had been posted to the north. He arrived at Euston with his wife and young children and a friend. The time was nearing midnight. The friend was one of those helpful ones who materialise on such occasions.

"Look here," he said to the sergeant, "I'll take the seat reservations you take the kids along to the buffet."

The sergeant took his family off, the friend took charge of the luggage, and when the train backed in deposited suitcases on seats to informally reserve them.

Then the friend went off to announce in the buffet that he had successfully completed his mission.

On the platform a fair-haired Scot with a platform ticket in his otherwise empty pocket saw the friend go.

NOT GUILTY

THE Scotsman slipped into the compartment where the luggage was, picked up a good-looking suitcase belonging to the sergeant, and made off. He did not know a railway police had been watching him.

"That's your case," the policeman asked, as the Scotsman, whose name was Edward, sauntered towards the ticket-barrier to give up his platform ticket.

Edward was arrested and brought next morning to the Clerkwell court, where, at first, he pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing the suitcase and its contents. The case was adjourned because the sergeant who owned the case could not be present to identify it as his property.

.....GUILTY

A LITTLE later in the morning, Edward was brought back into the dock. He had changed his mind. "Guilty," he pleaded. A policeman went into the witness-box.

"This man is 39 years old," he said, "and there are eight previous convictions, all for theft or fraud. They date from 1944." He began to read details.

Edward seemed to have stolen wherever something he could steal had been offered. Now it was a fountain pen, now a coat, now cutlery.

"There is a warrant out for this man," the officer went on. "He is wanted for the maintenance of his wife and five children in Scotland."

"Is he in work?" asked the magistrate, Mr. T. F. Davies.

REFORMED

"He tells me he's been unemployed for three weeks," the officer answered. "Before

THE KING CASE
Counsel Describes Witness As "Audacious Liar"

"Frankly, Seymour is about the most audacious liar who has ever come into this witness box," declared Mr. M. A. da Silva this morning, when he continued his submissions of no case to answer before Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at the Supreme Court building in the prosecution against James Joseph Osbourne King, merchant, formerly of George Falconer and Co., Ltd. of Union Building, on a charge of fraudulent conversion.

Mr. Silva was criticising the evidence given by Mr. M. W. H. Seymour, a Director of Falconer's, in relation to certain contracts in the course of his testimony against King.

James King, merchant, of 20 Binta Circuit, is accused of having taken \$3,305.94 (A\$400) for the use of his wife, Margaret, on November 17, 1950 whilst a Director of George Falconer and Co. Ltd.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr. A. J. Clifford are both for the Prosecution, instructed by Hastings and Hargreaves. Mr. M. A. da Silva appears for the Defence.

Resuming his address to the Court, Mr. Silva said that he was dealing yesterday with the gold transactions. He wished to point out shortly the position regarding these gold contracts. There were at first two King Fook contracts. All the documents in that matter pointed to their being Falconer's contracts, but the Prosecution, through Mr. Seymour, would have the Court believe that they were Ipekjians' contracts.

"I showed you yesterday that the excuse given for the use of the name was not probable, the excuse being that it was necessary to deceive Zellenewsky who were competitors of Ipekjians in New York," continued Mr. Silva. "In the case of King Fook in Hongkong, there was no necessity to deceive them, yet the name was used. Seymour said it was a mistake on his part, a mistake which I pointed out was repeated time and again. Then it was also prepositioned to you by Seymour that because Ipekjians had financed these gold transactions they were entitled to treat them as Ipekjians' deals and to keep them secret."

WOULD HAVE LAUGHED

"Incidentally, before I go on, if Jimmy King had ever gone into the witness box and said to you 'Ipekjians financed the deal; they were entitled to keep the profits. I financed the deal; I kept the profits, wherefore I, Jimmy King, am entitled to keep the 2,400 secret profit I made'—and I remind you that King did finance that. He borrowed \$9,000 from Mr. Peresepkin and he paid the Mercantile Bank with that. If Jimmy King had done that, I can imagine how my learned friends would have howled with laughter. Why should not the same howl of laughter come from me when Seymour said the same thing about these gold transactions?"

"Further it became a more ridiculous proposition to believe when you compare it with the Dao Hang deal where there was no financing done by Ipekjians because the gold was paid for by Dao Hang in full by US dollar cheque three days before the shipment. Also in the case of the Dao Hang, the gold was not purchased from Zellenewsky. It was purchased from Ipekjians in New York. Wherefore, where was the necessity for the use of Falconer's name at all in Dao Hang? But Seymour gave the excuse 'I made a mistake in using Falconer's name.' This was weeks before he started the first of these gold transactions.

"Your Worship, one cannot understand how he can make a mistake if his story is true. His story is that the import licence for the gold was issued in the name of Ipekjians Brothers Ltd. Your Worship recollects that."

DECEPTION UNNECESSARY

Mr. Silva then referred the Court to the shorthand notes, taken by the official stenographer in the case, dealing with this part of the evidence. He continued: "If Seymour is telling the truth—that they were Ipekjians' licences for the import of this gold—then how can he have made a mistake by importing on Ipekjians' licences and selling in Falconer's name to King Fook? There was no necessity for deception. Frankly, Seymour is about the most audacious liar who has ever come into this witness box. The audacity of his lying is demonstrated by the fact that whenever there was a possibility of an outside record giving the lie to his

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Young man, you're not going to poke around in my mouth until I find out what kind of training you've had!"

HACKNEYED PLAY, BUT DONE WELL Of Court

The Full Court this morning granted an application by the Crown for leave to apply for the issue of writs of attachment for contempt of Court in respect of the proprietor and publisher of the Hung Luk Evening Post, of 21 Bonham Strand East, second floor, and its printer and editor.

The Court, comprising Mr. Justice T.J. Gould, Acting Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, made an order for the writs to be returnable at 10 a.m. on November 3.

The persons concerned are Yau Wai-fa, proprietor and publisher of the newspaper; Fok Hok-lin, proprietor of the Golden Bridge Printing Company, of 21 Bonham Strand East, ground floor, printers of the newspaper; and Yam Tat-nin, editor of the Hung Luk Evening Post.

Mr. D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, who made the application, said the grounds of application were that the three on September 24, published or caused to be published in the newspaper items and particulars in contempt of Court, being calculated to interfere with the due course of justice in the case of the Queen vs. Cheng Kwai-yiu and Cheng Ah-fat in connection with a charge of demanding money with menaces.

Geoffrey Crosswell is excellent as the gentle counter-felter. He has mastered the art of inspiring confidence when he is on the stage. The moustache is a stroke of genius. I liked the naturalness of his performance, and also that of Letta Page, his wife in the story. Elsewhere there is a tendency to over-act, particularly noticeable in Tina Laine, as the daughter. She must learn not to move so violently and so continuously.

I liked John Davey's sketch of the fellow-crook very much. Paddy Sheehan needs more attack as the evil boy-friend, though he shows great promise. Bernard Fullerton plays the part of the Detective Inspector competently, but with too great an element of Hamlet.

Margaret Bruce.

LABEL SUIT: TODAY'S HEARING

Dance Hall's Business Procedure Described

The procedure of business at the Lido Ball Room was described by a marker formerly employed there, at the continued hearing this morning of the label suit brought by the Ball Room against the Hongkong Tiger Standard in the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Scholes and an all-male Jury.

The ex-marker, Wong Shing-yau also testified that after August 1951 the proprietor, Dennis Victor and his wife, Pearl Siu, used to resell used table engagement tickets to Servicemen and Americans.

The subject of the complaint of libel is an article published in the Standard on August 13, 1951 headed "Seven Europeans beat up Two Chinese" in which the Lido was mentioned.

The plaintiff, Mr. Victor, also claimed special damages for loss of earnings of \$539.62 a day as a result of the alleged libel but this claim has since been withdrawn from the Jury by the Judge who held there was no case to go to the Jury on the action of the case.

Defendants named are the Tiger Standard Ltd., newspaper proprietors and publishers of 179 Wanchai Road and the Sing Tao Jih Pao, printers of the same address.

Mr. John McNeill, QC, and Mr. A. J. Clifford, both instructed by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, are representing the plaintiff.

Defendants are represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Mr. Charles Losby, QC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, all on the instructions of Mr. B. N. Cooper of Wilkinson and Grist.

Mr. Luiz Fernando Souza, business manager of the Tiger Standard Ltd., said the paper started in March, 1949, said that the article complained of was published on August 13 and a writ was served on the paper at the end of that month.

"Did anybody draw your attention before that writ was served to the fact that there was something inaccurate in that report?" asked Mr. Wright. "Did Dennis Victor call upon you to correct that report any time before the writ was served?"

The witness replied "No" to both questions.

NO DIFFERENCES

Mr. Wright: Do you know any reason apart from this report for ill-will or any differences between Dennis Victor and your paper?"

Witness: There was no reason at all. We had no differences. We have no association with them. We have a different line of business.

Mr. Souza stated that his company made efforts to trace the Sing Tao reporter Ng Man-chik after the writ was served but without success. Ng left the Sing Tao Paper in early 1952.

He said that the Sing Tao Paper had the same registered office but had a different staff and management to the Standard.

Asked by Mr. McNeill in cross-examination whether he knew if any one else was being called from the Standard to give evidence, the witness replied "No."

Mr. McNeill referring to yesterday's evidence asked whether it was so that the policy of the Tiger Standard was directed by Miss Aw Sian.

Witness replied that there might have been some misunderstanding. Mr. Aw did not take up the appointment until October 1952. In August, 1951, Mr. L. Z. Yuen was the general manager and concurrently chief editor and directed the policy of the paper.

Mr. McNeill: So in August, 1951 it would be Mr. Yuen's responsibility to say what should or should not be done about this action?

Witness: Yes.

Has Mr. Yuen left the Standard?—Yes in September 1952 and Miss Aw took over.

APPROVED LINE

As far as you know did Miss Aw approve of the line Mr. Yuen had taken with regard to this action?—Yes.

Do I understand that Mr. Yuen is not available?—He is now in the States. He left Hongkong to take up an appointment in the States.

Judge: I take it you mean the United States of America.

Witness: That is right.

Mr. Souza said he did not know whether anyone was being called who represented the Sing Tao Jih Pao, second defendants and Mr. Wright informed Mr. McNeill that no one was being called from that paper.

In answer to a further question by Mr. McNeill, Mr. Souza said that his duties as business manager covered various aspects of the business side of the company like finance and had nothing to do with the editorial or news side.

He said it would not be part of his duties to know anything about the law of libel and he did not actually know that in certain circumstances a correction and apology were a good defence to an action for libel.

Mr. Souza said he did not know how the reporter Ng left the Sing Tao but he had heard from that paper that Ng left in early 1952.

Wong Shing-yau ex-marker of the Lido said that he worked in the Ballroom from March, 1951 to May, 1953 first as a waiter for six or seven months and then as a marker.

WHY HE LEFT

Denying the allegation of the Lido manager, Mr. Li Shun-man, put to him by Mr. Wright that he was "sacked" for attempting to extort money from the cabaret Tiger, Wong said he resigned from the Lido because he was not satisfied with the pay. He would have a wage of \$80 which with tips would give him \$120 or \$130.

He said that table engagement tickets were \$11 for two dances. If a customer brought his own woman friend an engagement ticket of \$5 would be charged. Tickets issued by Dennis Victor up to 9 p.m. or so and Pearl Siu, would take over from Victor. They both issued the tickets and collected the money. The tickets were in books and were issued at the entrance of the dance hall. When not being issued they were kept in a steel box in the kitchen.

Wong said that as marker he sat near this table and kept a record of the time spent by the dancing girls at various tables for the \$11 tickets. He had all their names in his book. He also checked the \$11.00 dance tickets by marking off the names of the girls actually on the dance floor as they danced past him.

Once every ten days he would total up the tickets when Mr. Victor paid the wages, said the witness. "The girls handed their tickets to Mr. Victor who counted them. I then checked with my book and if there were not enough tickets they were discounted from the girls' pay because sometimes when the girls went out with customers they did not buy tickets. On pay days the girls received half the face value of the tickets excluding the ten days wages."

TICKETS DIVIDED

The Judge wanted to know how the \$11 for two dances tickets would be accounted and witness explained that each of these tickets was divided into two, one for each dance so that a customer could have both dances with the same girl or one dance with two girls.

The witness said that these payments every ten days were recorded by Mr. Victor and he continued, "The used \$11.00 tickets handed in by the girls were torn up and destroyed. From the \$11 tickets the newer and cleaner ones were picked out and the rest were destroyed. Those picked out were kept by Mr. Victor in a drawer of the table where tickets were issued. When a foki came to buy \$11 tickets, if the customers were Servicemen or Americans, Victor would give him the \$11 tickets he kept in the drawer. If the customers were not Servicemen or Americans, Victor would give him tickets from the books on the table. This practice started from August, 1951. Before that, when the girls returned the \$11 tickets I did not see Mr. Victor doing this. Pearl Siu also did the same thing."

Hearing is continuing.

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Gen. Airey Visits Sekkong

His Excellency the Commander British Forces, Hongkong, Lt-Gen. Sir Terence Airey, KCMG, CB, CBE, arrived at Kai Tak Airport this morning, prior to leaving for an inspection of the island of New Guinea.

He was met at the airport by F/Lt G. Macdonald, Flight Instructor, HKAAC, Group Capt. J. F. Newman, DSO, DFC, Commander RAF Station, Kai Tak, and Squadron Leader E. J. G. Gauntlett, Officer Commanding, HKAAC.

After watching HKAAC pilots in Spitfire aircraft training, Sir Terence left for Sekkong in an Auster aircraft piloted by F/Lt G. B. Munro, who is attached to the HKAAC Squadron in Sekkong.

Attempted Murder Charge

Wong Fat, 28, welder, of 10 Tai Ning Street, first floor, charged with attempted murder, was remanded three days by Mr. I.T. Morris at Central this morning.

The Police alleged that the defendant wounded two women, Wong Sau-chun, and Tam Sul-mul, and one man, Chan Keo-lung on August 22 at 10 Tai Ning Street with intent to murder them.

The case will be heard on October 28.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary, 6.00 "Contact" Magazine for the Rising Generation. News, Interviews, Stories and Music. Produced by Rosemary Richards (Studio); With a reading by Denis McCarthy from "The Life of Nelson" by Robert Southern; 6.30, Paul Weston and his Orchestra; 6.45, "Do you Remember" Anniversary of the Court, being Services (London Relay); 7.15, Talking about Hongkong by Dr. S. Y. Davis and Rev. Father T. F. Ryan (Recorded); 7.30, Songs from the Shows "Noel Coward" with Doris Hadio, Barbara Leigh, and Jimmy Young; 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal, World News and United Nations Report (London Relay); 8.15, Music is served; 8.45, "Looking Back" presented by the British Council (Studio); 9, Music Lovers Hour—Classical Requests presented by Curtis Hindson (Studio); 10, Spiders A Feature Programme written and produced by Nesta Pain; 10.30, Record Round-up; 10.59, Weather Report; 11.15, Good-night Music; Good Bye The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Hit Man With Stool

"You must not go around hitting people on the head with stools," said Mr. Hin-ching Lo at Central this morning, when he fined a tailor \$30 for hitting Kwan Keng-hon on the head with a wooden stool.

A whistle blast brought a constable to First Lane, Wun Shan Street yesterday, where he saw the defendant Tsang Kwoy-ying, 22, laying into Kwan with a stool.

Kwan looked bewildered in court this morning when he was asked why defendant assaulted him. "I don't know" he said. The tailor was additionally bound over in \$100 for one year.

Charged With Wounding Girl

A 71-year-old man, Wong Chai-hang, of 177 Hennessy Road, second floor, faced a charge of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm before Mr. Hin-ching Lo at Central this morning.

Wong, who is accused of having wounded a girl by the name of Cheng Po-chi at 177 Hennessy Road, second floor, this morning, was remanded for three days in Police custody.

Det. Sub-Ins. G. Fergus is in charge of the case.

NATURALISATION

The privilege of British Naturalisation has been conferred on the following by H. E. the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies: Miss Inga Renner (Medical Student); Miss Mildred P. Y. Chang (Midwife); Mr. Thomas Go Keng-tai (known as S. K. Kang (Merchant)).